



## Garage Enologists of North County

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**Next Meeting:** Tuesday - January 27, 2015  
**Place:** Good Shepherd, Healdsburg  
**Time:** 7:00 PM  
**Glasses:** 2



### ***NOVEMBER MEETING SUMMARY – HOME CHEESEMAKING - ALEX PONTING, THE BEVERAGE PEOPLE***

Cheesemaking is a rewarding venture with results available almost immediately. As winemakers, we have much of the equipment needed to craft cheese so it is not expensive to take a fling at it. Thank you Alex, and thank you for sharing your cheeses for tasting. It was good to gain exposure to this process, and the opportunity to be challenged while our wine is aging. If ready to take the plunge, sign up for a two hour Mozzarella class this Thursday evening, or a three hour more diverse class will be a Saturday afternoon next month, cost \$35 each.

***CHRISTMAS PARTY – Wow!!*** Carol and crew did another outstanding job decorating, and you the members provided the Holiday feast and wine. 'Twas another fine finish to the year, thanks to each of us!

### ***JANUARY MEETING – ACTIVITIES DURING THE AGING PROCESS GROUP DISCUSSION***

**Aging is essential to winemaking. Nothing to do during the aging time period? Wrong!!** Of course clarification is a major element but then there is temperature management, topping up, testing and perhaps adjusting, M/L checking, micro-oxygenation, cold stabilizing, filtering and/or fining, determining when there is enough oak, and a whole host of other things. There are multiple methods and decisions for some of these. Let us share our experience. We will conclude the meeting with presentation of your **Rhone varietals, mainly Syrah, but if you have Grenache, Mourvedre, Carignan, Cinsault, bring it along. You can also bring your white Viognier, Marsanne or Roussanne. Bring two bottles** and be prepared to tell us about your wine.

***COMPETITIONS*** – Mark your calendars and get your wines ready. The GENCO wine competition is back. The Genco Board agreed we should move our competition away from the busy harvest time of year. Wine judging will be April 9 and the awards dinner will be April 25. We encourage you to compete. We have highly qualified judges and promise you good feedback on your wines. The only other competition on the immediate horizon is Winemaker Magazine to be held in April with a March 6 entry deadline.

***GENCO TRAVEL*** – There will be a trip this year to somewhere, most likely to the very interesting Livermore area that has been making fine wines for quite a few years. Stay tuned.

***DUES*** – Annual dues are \$27 per family and should be paid at the Jan or Feb meeting. The increase is necessary due to the need for liability insurance, but the price of membership is still a bargain. Best way to pay is bring dues to the January meeting. Alternatively, mail a check made out to our Treasurer Rita Maloney, 6169 San Bruno Ct, Rohnert Park 94928. Or go to the Genco website members area and pay by PAYPAL (\$28)

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