



## Garage Enologists of North County

**Next Meeting: July 28 - Wednesday**

**Place: Healdsburg Library**

**Time: 7:00 PM**

### ***JUNE MEETING - NATURAL VINEYARD MANAGEMENT AND WINEMAKING***

***Emilio Castelli, GENCO member and Owner, Castelli Vineyard***

Emilio did a fine PowerPoint presentation that expressed and substantiated his viewpoint about winegrowing management. He has some alternative viewpoints regarding the vineyard and winemaking and discussed his process of limited intervention. He made his point to let the grapes speak for themselves, expressing their character with minimal manipulation. He backed up his view with samples of several of his very nice wines.

### **⇒ *JULY FEATURE - BACK TO BASICS I - HOME WINEMAKING EQUIPMENT***

What equipment do we use? There will be a brief discussion about the basic equipment for winemaking. We will talk about fermenters, stemmer/crushers, presses, and storage containers, but I expect the discussion will develop into discussion about all equipment including pH meters, filters, racking equipment, bottle fillers, scales, etc. Talk about interesting and unique things you use, or have devised, that help you in the winemaking process. I expect we will have something for everyone. Newborn pups in winemaking activity should benefit, and old dogs will be able to learn new tricks. This is also a great opportunity to bring something to the meeting so you can physically and visually share your ideas. We will close with a group judging of Pinot Noir wines. Bring two bottles for evaluation by your peers. This month we will focus on equipment. **In September or October we will deal with Back to Basics II – The Winemaking Process.**

### **GENCO PICNIC - Sunday, August 8 5:00 Social, 6:00 Dinner Riverfront Park, Windsor**

We will return to Riverfront (County) Park this year, a beautiful redwood grove with a group picnic area. This will again be great. Bring a dish and wine. Bring a commercial wine if you don't have any you made. Call me with reservations and indicate what dish you will bring; salad, casserole, main dish, or dessert. Call me if you don't know how to find Riverfront and please carpool as parking is limited and the fee is \$6.00/car.

***WINE COMPETITIONS*** - Harvest Fair in Aug. It is the local favorite. Get your wines ready.

***MEMBERSHIP DUES*** - Our last request was August 2009. The treasury needs an infusion and we ask each person to donate \$15. Dues for people who have never paid as yet are \$25. Those newbies who made their first donation this year we ask just \$5. You will also need to show up at some meetings. **If you have not been to a meeting for 8 months, or two meetings in the last 12 months, you will be dropped from the mailing list in September regardless of whether you wish to pay dues (newcomers excluded).** You can bring a check to a meeting, or mail to 1023 Red Tail Rd, Healdsburg 95448. Make checks payable to me.

***GROUP WINEMAKING PROJECT*** - We will be doing a barrel of Cabernet Sauvignon for the current year group winemaking project. Call me if you wish to share in the project. You are sure to enjoy and learn from the experience. Preference for participation goes first to those who have not experienced this activity before.

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