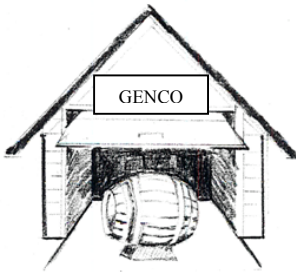




Garage Enologists of North County

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 23, 2013
Place: Good Shepherd, Healdsburg
Time: 7:00 PM
Glasses: 2

JUNE MEETING - WINE DECONSTRUCTED TASTING

PAT HENDERSON – WINEMAKER, KENWOOD VINEYARDS

Pat Henderson shared a number of doctored wine samples highlighting major wine components such as sugar, alcohol, acid, tannins, and oak. It was really enlightening to compare wines with different levels of each of these components. He gave us good insight on how to evaluate and enhance our wines before they are committed to the bottle. This was a big task for such a large group. Thanks Pat!!

JULY MEETING - LET'S MAKE SPARKLING WINE !

It is our good fortune to have ***Rob McNeill, the Director of Winemaking at Don Sebastiani & Sons Winery***, talk to us at our July meeting. Rob has long experience in Sparkling Wine having spent 15 years at Mumm Napa including V. P. Winemaking and Operations. The primary emphasis will be on sparkling wine but as a long time winemaker of commercial still wines as well, he should be able to give us guidance on whatever we wish. I am not aware of any in our group who has made a sparkling wine so I feel it is about time we took the plunge. Let's learn about it and let's have several members give this challenging aspect of winemaking a try.



GENCO PICNIC - July 19 at Riverfront County Park. Not too late to sign up. Check your emails or the website.

COMPETITIONS - Harvest Fair and GENCO competitions remain. Each has an August deadline for entries. Go online to gencowinemakers.com for details and entry forms for each. For the GENCO competition, we encourage you to compete. We have highly qualified judges and promise you good feedback on your wines. Bring your bottles and completed entry forms to the July meeting. Check out the website for other places to deliver if you can't make the meeting. There will be an Awards Dinner August 24th which will really add fun to your participation.

GENCO BARREL - There is one spot left for the 2013 group barrel of Merlot. The barrel will be produced at Bennett Ridge, all work will be done by the participants under the guidance of Bob. It is a learning experience and you will take home about 3 ½ cases of nice wine at a very reasonable cost!! Sign up right away.

MERLOT PROJECT - See separate email for full details of this challenging and fun GENCO activity!!

CORK PURCHASE - Corks have been delivered. We have 300 remaining for anybody who missed out or find that they need more than anticipated. Cost \$.38 ea including shipping and tax.

HARVEST: THE MOVIE - The movie DVD's are in and 34 copies have been delivered to GENCO members. It is about a most challenging harvest season here in Sonoma County. If you didn't order one but want a copy, we will be placing an additional order. A good price at \$12 including tax and shipping. Contact Bob.

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