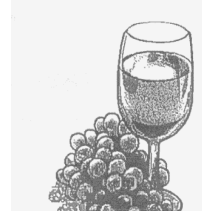




Garage Enologists of North County

Next Meeting: January 26 - Monday
Place: Healdsburg Library
Time: 7:00 PM



NOV/DEC MEETING SUMMARY – *MAKING PINOT NOIR*

Second largest attendance ever. Forty-eight of us got excellent advice from Ben Papapietro about making fine Pinot Noir. He likes to call himself just a commercial home winemaker but it was obvious that when he was a true home winemaker it was on a big scale using special care. He gave us the whole process from beginning to end. What a lot of good information. We closed out the meeting with a taste-off of Pinot Noir. A lot of nice wines. Unfortunately Ben couldn't stay due to a prior commitment so the promised input from Ben about our wines didn't happen.

JANUARY MEETING – RECORD KEEPING & LABEL MAKING – GROUP DISCUSSION

I KNOW! We did this topic just a year and a half ago. But it is important, and interesting. We can keep our winemaking records in many ways but unless you have a photographic and long lasting memory, you won't build on your successes and profit from your mistakes without good records. I want us to share our ideas on record keeping, talking about forms and templates used, what is important to write down, etc. Also, at recent picnics and Holiday parties I have been impressed with the great labels our members are creating; very professional looking. I want us to share ideas of the medium we use to create them, where we go for clip art and scannable design, and how we print them. **I encourage those of you who are skilled at making labels to come share your ideas and knowledge, and show some of your work.** We need your expertise. We can also talk a little about how we affix the labels.

We will conclude the meeting with a **taste off** of **WHITE WINES**, any vintage. One bottle only, and barrel samples OK.

COMPETITIONS – Not much doing, but Geyserville needs us. The Geyserville Chamber is a small amateur competition but the judges are all professional and skilled – you will get good feedback. You also get to go to the awards dinner in March which is one of the best bargains around. Deadline Feb 1, two bottles (you get one back) and \$7 each. If you have that wine you are wondering about before competition season, try it out here.

DUES – Several of you have not made your \$10 renewal contribution. If you didn't contribute in 2008, you are due. If your last name starts with an a, c, d, e, h, m, n, p, t, it may be you. If you don't know, just ask me. New participants need to know the initial contribution is \$20, but not payable until your third meeting. **All are welcome to any meeting but you need to make the contribution to be on the notification list.**

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