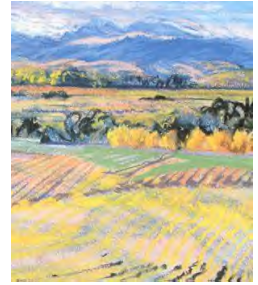




Garage Enologists of North County

Next Meeting: July 27, 2016 - Wednesday
Place: Good Shepherd, Healdsburg
Time: 7:00 PM
Glasses: 2



July Meeting Topic:

PRE-HARVEST ACTIVITIES -- STEVE GOWER, CRUX WINERY

With harvest around the corner we will need to monitor the vineyard, assess fruit flavors, brix and acid, we need to be sure harvest equipment is in order. We will need to be ready for the short term vagaries of climate and decide on a watering protocol. We will also need to see that wines are bottled if we need containers for the current harvest and we need to see that all winemaking equipment is ready to go and that we have the supplies we need. We can't take it easy. We need to get ready to go. Come to the meeting and hear about it. The discussion will be led by our own Steve Gower, Crux winery owner, vineyard manager and winemaker. He does it all so let's pick up on his expertise. We will conclude with tasting of Crux wines that are ready for bottling. Bring two glasses.

June Meeting Summary:

WHAT SHOULD WE BE LOOKING FOR IN A VINEYARD WHEN SOURCING GRAPES? -- CARMINE INDINDOLI, VINEYARD MANAGER AND GENCO MEMBER

With 44 years of experience, Carmine still goes to school to gather nuggets of information. Carmine discussed what to look for when buying grapes and how to create a "Farm Plan" if you are growing your own. Pay attention to the vines, they talk to you. Great discussion and wine tasting.

Harvest Fair Competition

Get those wines ready. This competition is the favorite of many of our members. Deadline is not announced yet but certainly second half August.

Also, if any of you are confident enough about judging wine that you would participate as a judge, let Bob Bennett know at 433-4574. Judging will be Saturday Sept 10 from 9am to about noon.

GROUP WINEMAKING PROJECT –

We have a plan for the 2016 Genco barrel. The barrel will be done at Bennett Ridge Winery between Windsor & Healdsburg.

We will do a Meritage, a Bordeaux blend of the 5 primary Bordeaux varietals. It will be a bit more complicated than usual as it will take two, or even three, pickings and fermentations, but it will be fun and we should wind up with an interesting classic wine.

There will be 8 participants. We have a few participants so far and have room for a very few more. Even if you have participated in a barrel before, put your name in the hat if you would like to participate. Priority will go to newbies but there may be room for repeaters.

Give Bob Bennett a call at 433-4574 or email to bennett9@aol.com.

Denise Wright, GENCO Secretary