



Garage Enologists of North County

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Next Meeting: Tuesday March 26, 2013
Place: Good Shepherd, Healdsburg
Time: 7:00 PM
Wine Glasses: 2



FEBRUARY MEETING - TANNIN BALANCE & ADJUSTMENT TECHNIQUES

The presentation by Bob Peak of Beverage People was very informative. We were given insight into what causes high and low tannins, and what to do about it. The maturing of grapes, fermentation techniques, use of oak, and other factors all affect tannin levels. We learned that tannins can be managed throughout the winemaking process. At the end Bob poured some Petite Sirah in which tannin levels had been manipulated. We also had a few member's Petite Sirah for comparison. Thanks Bob Peak!

MARCH MEETING - FUNDAMENTALS OF WHITE WINE PRODUCTION -- BRUCE HAGEN, GENCO WHITE WINE MAKER EXTRAORDINAIRE

Is making white wine difficult? NO! Making white wine is different than red; different processes and different challenges, but not more difficult. If you have been wary or reluctant about white wine creation, put your mind at ease. This is your opportunity to learn the basics. Bruce will take us through the whole program, from crush, skin contact, yeast selection and nutrients, adjusting the components, aging, fining, filtering, and everything right up to bottling. This discussion will help members become interested and successful in making white wines. Bruce has been Genco's most successful white wine maker and we are fortunate to have him share his knowledge and experience. **This is a two wine glass meeting.**

GENCO TRAVEL - It is not too late to sign up for the Paso Robles trip this June 2-5 led by Dave & Barbara Schaffer. You shouldn't miss out on this trip to what is fast becoming a premier winegrowing region of California. Check out details posted on the GENCO Website.

COMPETITIONS - It is time to start submitting your wines. Details are on the GENCO Website regarding the Sonoma-Marin and the Marin Fair competitions. Others will follow.

DUES - If you haven't made your annual contribution to the continuation of GENCO activities, you are about to be dropped from the roster and the mailing list. No matter how much or how little you participate, the dues of \$20 per family is a bargain for what is offered, and also compared to what other Home Wine groups charge.

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