



Garage Enologists of North County

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Next Meeting: March 25, 2014
Place: Good Shepherd, Healdsburg
Time: 7:00 PM
Glasses: 2



FEBRUARY MEET SUMMARY - VINEYARD MANAGEMENT FOR QUALITY! ***MARK HOUSER, VINEYARD MANAGER***

Mark's knowledge and long experience managing vineyards came through clearly in this discussion. He covered a broad range of topics regarding vineyard layout, vineyard activities, disease management, pruning, and very important now water management. Thoroughly informative with lots of questions from members. The meeting was attended by a large group of Paso Robles home winemakers so we had about 75 in attendance. They had input into the meeting and seemingly enjoyed and appreciated joining us. We concluded with tasting and discussing several member wines plus two Paso wines and one from Mark.

MARCH MEETING - FINDING BALANCE IN WINEMAKING ***NICHOLE BIRDSALL - WINEMAKER, ASTI WINERY***

There are many roads and alternatives we can pursue in achieving the best out of our grapes and making fine wines. Balance includes acids and alcohol, but it is much more. Nichole has an Enology degree from Fresno State and considerable winemaking experience with several wine producers. She will share with us her knowledge and experience in finding balance in what we do as winemakers. Come share the experience.

GENCO BARREL UPDATE - Our barrel of Syrah is coming along fine, resting quietly, soaking up oak, developing complexity. It will be raked in just a few weeks and placed into temperature control. Participants will also visit the Bennett Ridge Vineyard and discuss vineyard activity and management.

GENCO TRAVEL - Still looking for a volunteer host to put one together. Call Activities Chair Carol at 799-1382 if you want to consider it. Several of us have ideas to help you on your way.

COMPETITIONS - It is time to start submitting your wines. It is too late for the first three competitions of the year but right ahead of us is the State Fair which is one of the best (not cheapest) anywhere. April and May will bring on a bunch of good competitions so keep in touch with the GENCO website that posts details.

DUES - Annual dues of \$20 per family were due by the end of February. If you haven't yet contributed, get your check to our new Treasurer Rita Maloney, 6169 San Bruno Ct, Rohnert Park 94928. New members who paid in Nov or Dec are covered for this year.

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