



# Garage Enologists of North County

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**Next Meeting:** Tuesday May 28, 2013  
**Place:** Good Shepherd, Healdsburg  
**Time:** 7:00 PM  
**Wine Glasses:** 2



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## ***APRIL MEETING - ACHIEVING BALANCE IN WINE*** ***DISCUSSION LEADER – BOB BENNETT***

We had a lively discussion about the many aspects of determining and achieving balance between alcohol and acidity in our wines. We discussed vineyard management and the affect on balance in the grapes, measurement prior to harvest to determine the best point in grape development to obtain balance, and the various factors in the winemaking process that affect the balance and palatability of our wines. We also learned a few things about the benefits and hazards in making adjustments. The discussion was followed by presentation of several club member Sauvignon Blanc wines. It was an interesting evening.

## ***MAY MEETING - CLEAN FRESH WINES AND CONTROLLING BRETTANOMYCES*** ***SHIRLEY MOLINARI, LALLEMAND***

Lallemand is a leading provider of yeast, bacteria and fermentation nutrients. Shirley will be accompanied by Jillian Kehoe of Lallemand distributor Scott Labs. The focus will be on controlling brett but between the two guests it can branch out into other aspects of fermentation and cellar management. Have problems during fermentation and cellaring? Lallemand and Scott Labs can provide solutions to many of your difficulties. They are also knowledgeable in fermentation nutrients, wine clarification, malolactic and a host of other wine management areas. What an opportunity to advance your winemaking knowledge. **Bring two bottles of Pinot Noir** for tasting and discussion. Two glasses.

***RIEDEL GLASSWARE SEMINAR*** - Only two spots left! It is such a good opportunity we are considering conducting a second presentation. If interested and not already signed up, go online to the Genco Website [gencowinemakers.com](http://gencowinemakers.com), or email [website@gencowinemakers.com](mailto:website@gencowinemakers.com) for more info.

***COMPETITIONS*** - We are well into competition season. There is still time to enter a few of them. Details are on the GENCO Website. The All Genco Competition will come soon.

***GENCO BARREL*** - Each year a group of GENCO members get together to make a barrel of wine under the guidance of GENCO founder Bob Bennett. It is time to sign up for the coming harvest. We will make Merlot this year. It is a learning experience!! First priority goes to those who have not previously participated in the project. Interested? Contact Bob.

***CORK PURCHASE*** - Natural corks will be ordered at the May meeting for June delivery. Figure out what you need and give your order to Bob Bennett, or call him with your request. If you prefer synthetic corks, check with Bruce Hagen.

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