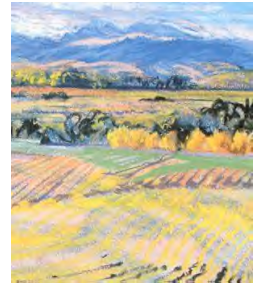




# Garage Enologists of North County

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**Next Meeting:** May 27, 2014 - Tuesday  
**Place:** Good Shepherd, Healdsburg  
**Time:** 7:00 PM  
**Glasses:** 2



## ***APRIL MEET SUMMARY - MAKING WINES FOR THE AGES***

### ***SUSAN LUEKER - DIR. OF WINEMAKING, SIMI WINERY***

Susan demonstrated why Simi has a long history of success in making ageable wines. Her knowledge came through clearly although she didn't give up their secret to making ageable wines. She however gave the message that getting quality grapes, followed by paying close attention to wine in process is key, through topping, sulfur management, and much more. We closed out the meeting with an interesting presentation of wines of vertical vintages. Susan presented three about 10 year old Simi Chardonnays and members provided four more three wine verticals for comparison. Interesting, and thank you generous members!

## ***MAY MEETING - EVALUATING GRAPES AND WINE IN PROCESS -- EQUIPMENT***

We will briefly touch on evaluation of grapes on the vine in preparation to the picking decision, but most of the meeting will focus on basic lab testing. What equipment is available to us and how do we use it? What should we purchase to evaluate and perhaps improve wines in process. The Club has purchased two Vinmetrica units, available to members to help with evaluation of their wines. The discussion of winemaking tools will be followed by a presentation by Gary Alvey of using these evaluation units. This is the first of a two-part discussion. The second will focus on the goals of the lab testing; what should we be looking for and what modifications are to be considered to achieve high quality wines. The Vinmetrica discussion will be followed by member **presentation of white wines of current vintage 2013**. They can be **bottled or barrel samples**. This time I encourage **members who have seldom poured at one of our meetings to bring two bottles per wine** for discussion.

***GENCO PICNIC - JUNE 14!!!*** This year on Saturday June 14 we will have another outstanding potluck picnic accompanied by a virtually unlimited array of fine home wines. The DeLong estate is an excellent location for a summer potluck. Mark your calendar **NOW** and reserve this date. Details will follow at the May meeting so be sure to join us. A flyer will also be sent to all **PAID** members.

***CORK PURCHASE*** - natural corks order form will be circulated at the May meeting for early June delivery. Figure out what you need and sign up at the meeting. Alternatively call or email Bob Bennett with your request. If you prefer synthetic corks check with Bruce Hagen at 827-3399.

***GENCO TRAVEL*** - Response to put a trip together has not been forthcoming but don't give up hope for this year.

***HARVEST PARTY*** - We will have a low key relaxed gathering, tentatively late afternoon on Saturday October 11, to celebrate the harvest. Mark your calendar and keep your eyes open.

***COMPETITIONS*** - Details on the website. Most will be behind us by the May meeting.

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