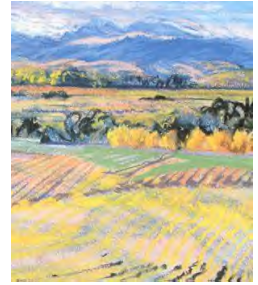




Garage Enologists of North County

Next Meeting: May 25, 2016 - Wednesday
Place: Good Shepherd, Healdsburg
Time: 7:00 PM
Glasses: 2



APRIL MEET SUMMARY – AGE WORTHY WINES BY BOB PEAK

We had a slow start to our April meeting due to the lack of a church key! Our patient group waited until President Kevin H. crawled through the window to let us in. A spontaneous beginning to Bob Peak's excellent presentation on how to recognize the characteristics needed to produce the big red, tannin sought wines that will keep well for years, if not decades. Bob's presentation without a projector for his power point was as well an informal "garage" education. We had a good round table discussion with members and Bob in the relaxed atmosphere

May Meeting topic

DEVELOPING OUTSTANDING RED WINES – ED KILLIAN, HEAD WINEMAKER, SOUVERAIN WINES (now a brand of Gallo)

Our guest speaker will be Ed Killian, for 20 years Director of Winemaking at Chateau Souverain . Souverain was bought by Gallo last year and Ed remains the Head of Winemaking. Ed was a first member of Genco and also the first ever speaker at Genco, in January 1995, when he discussed malolactic fermentation. He has had an enviable career making great wine in those intervening years. Ed will discuss red wine maceration and the process of developing favorable phenolics in wine. Phenolics are those elements that enhance taste, color, and mouthfeel in wine. He will focus on three winemaking activities.

1. Optimizing phenolic extraction during fermentation.
2. Remediation of certain phenolic defects after pressing
3. Aging and use of oak adjuncts to balance phenolic profile.

Ed will share some wines for discussion. Don't miss this excellent opportunity to enhance your winemaking knowledge and skills.

GENCO BARREL PROJECT - Every year for over 20 years Genco has made a barrel of wine primarily for learning, but also for fun, socializing, and take home wine enjoyment. Under the guidance of Genco founder Bob Bennett, at his garage winery between Healdsburg and Windsor, the large majority of Genco members over the years have participated in "The Genco Barrel". Most have gotten their starting knowledge, or enhanced existing knowledge, about the winemaking process but others took part just for the fun of it. We will do a barrel again this year, with the usual 8 participants and it is time to sign up. Preference goes to those who have never done it before, but we may have room for a repeat or two. We will do either a Cabernet Sauvignon or Merlot, the cost will be reasonable, and each at the end will take home about 3 ½ cases. Harvest will probably be mid-September. The most intense activity will be in the first three weeks, then it will be periodic until we bottle, probably the following August. Sign up at the May meeting or call Bob at 433-4574 to participate.

WINE COMPETITIONS – Go online to gencowinemakers.com. Most of the better ones are done. You have a few days to enter Orange County which is one of the prestigious ones, and the Bottle

Shock Open is still available.

CORK ORDER – It is time to place our order. Scott Labs offers UFB and UFB-1 quality corks. These are unprinted corks. They sell in lots of 1,000 so if you want fewer this is a good deal. The UFB-1 is every bit as effective, just not quite so perfect looking. You will have your choice. The difference in price is only about 4 to 5 cents each but with a lot of wine it makes a difference.

Nearly all of us have been using UFB-1 and find them very satisfactory.

We are not buying synthetic corks. Synthetics are effective and less expensive. If interested you can contact Bruce Hagen who buys a lot of synthetics.

GENCO Picnic Sunday June 28, early evening potluck. **Mark your calendars!!** Details to follow. Under separate email.

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