



Garage Enologists of North County

Next Meeting: May 27 - Wednesday
Place: Healdsburg Library
Time: 7:00 PM



APRIL MEETING SUMMARY - WINE

CHARACTER/CHEMISTRY MANAGEMENT --- BOB BENNETT

A discussion was led by Bob Bennett (myself) regarding what we as winemakers do to affect the character of our finished wine. We started with the vineyard and discussed the progression through crush, fermentation and aging. The discussion was followed by judging of our Italian varietals. We had ten nice wines and awarded two Golds and eight Silvers. I hope the 42 there agree it was a productive meeting.

MAY MEETING -- DEVELOPING AND MAINTAINING A SMALL VINEYARD

- Carmine Indindoli, Vineyard Manager

So you want to develop your own vineyard, do you? Carmine has considerable experience doing just that! Whether it is a small commercial vineyard, or a backyard vineyard, Carmine has the scoop. The quality of the wine starts in the vineyard, so learn about it. Good grapes, good wine! Don't waste time and money on inferior grapes; learn what to look for when ordering. If you already have your vineyard, Carmine will deal with thoughts about how to manage it properly. He will touch on activities you should be doing, including the timing and the costs of managing your vineyard. To close out the meeting, I ask four volunteers to each bring two bottles of wine to share and discuss, but this time I want wine made from your own vineyard.

COMPETITIONS – Just a couple days left to enter the Sonoma-Marin and Orange County competitions. Orange County and our Harvest Fair are best. Next month it will be the State Fair.

GENCO PICNIC/POTLUCK – Sunday, July 12 5:00 Social, 6:00 Dinner

Our get-together will be hosted by Duane & Sheila de Long, 545 Los Alamos Rd, Santa Rosa. It is in Rincon Valley, just off Sonoma Highway (Hwy 12). You will be asked to bring a dish and wine. More to follow but mark your calendar now!

GENCO WEBSITE – Check it out at www.gencowinemakers.com Gary Alvey is our webmaster. It is still a work in progress but it is largely finished, and it is awesome! It may well be the best home winemaker club website anywhere.

CORK ORDER – We took orders at the recent meeting. If you have not ordered yours, you have until May 17 to phone your order to me. Price is uncertain but likely around \$.40 each, including shipping, for excellent quality natural corks.

Bob Bennett
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