

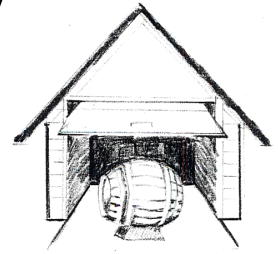


Garage Enologists of North County

Next Meeting: November 10 - Wednesday

Place: Healdsburg Library

Time: 7:00 PM



SEPTEMBER MEETING - BACK TO BASICS II - HOME WINEMAKING PROCESS

Good meeting, just as planned, with a good turnout. We went through the whole process not spending too much time on details. However, we did get considerable discussion on important activities and heard alternative thoughts. For many of us, new processes and priorities were brought up and discussed. We closed out with tasting of several '09 member wines that all showed good promise. Thank you, all who participated.

NOVEMBER MEETING - END OF SEASON VINEYARD ACTIVITIES

LINDA HALE, MADRONE VINEYARD MANAGEMENT

What we do during the post harvest dormant period is important to the success of next year's crop. Some of it hinges on the current year's experience. Linda will discuss this year's occurrences and activities and relate them to what we should do to prepare for next year. The dormant activities are always important, but perhaps more-so than usual this year. Madrone focuses on Sonoma Valley, especially on their own Glen Oaks Ranch, but their experience and knowledge are universal. Linda is Chief of Vineyard Operations with a B. S. in Plant Science. She is capable of answering all your questions including vineyard installation, development and refurbishing, as well as irrigation, fungicide application and fertilization. We'll close out the meeting with a tasting and discussion of several Harvest Fair Gold Medal wines. Don't miss this one!

SUPPLIES - It is time to get on the group order for the Stavin oak products for your alternative oak needs. If you like these products, the sign up sheet will be passed around at this meeting. Oak staves and beans are the products of primary interest to our members. Look it up at Stavin.com.

WINE COMPETITIONS - CELLARMASTERS, L A. A good one! For info, go online to Cellarmasters.

HARVEST FAIR SETUP - A good turnout and it was the best display ever. Thank you all who participated.

CLUB WINEMAKING PROJECT and GROUP BARREL - Both were canceled due to lack of fruit. This ugly growing season has taken its toll. The good side is that what was harvested should make very nice wine, and the other upside is next year has to be better. We'll see if we can put together both of these projects next year.

CHRISTMAS PARTY - There are no volunteers to host the Holiday Party this year so there will be no get-together in December. It is the first we have missed in 12 years. If anybody wants to be a late volunteer to host a party, let me know by Nov 13. I would prefer a member who has not previously hosted a holiday party. We will provide tables and chairs as needed. Call me. **If there is a party, no notice will be mailed. Announcements of a party will be found on the website.** Attendance may be limited so be on the ball watching the website.

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