

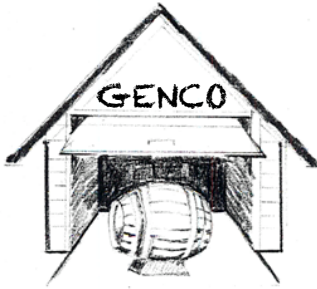


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Next Meeting:	November 26, 2013
Place:	Good Shepherd, Healdsburg
Time:	7:00 PM
Glasses:	2

OCTOBER MEETING - WISDOM FROM THE WINEMAKER CONFERENCE Steve Elkins, with participation by Kevin Holloway, related a potpourri of ideas, including some new concepts in winemaking, that they gleaned from the Winemaker Magazine conference in Monterey. It reaffirmed many of our thoughts, gave us food for thought regarding alternatives to our winemaking practices, and related some ideas picked up at the conference that may not be embraced by all. Certainly, some of the ideas are worth serious consideration. The discussion was followed by tasting of several delightful Gold Medal wines from the Harvest Fair.

NOVEMBER MEETING - VINEYARD MANAGEMENT AND THE 2013 GROWING SEASON
JIM YOUNG – DIRECTOR VINEYARD OPERATIONS, ROBERT YOUNG VINEYARDS

Jim has long been at the heart of developing and caring for the 500 acres of Robert Young Vineyards. He knows his stuff and is ready to share his knowledge with us. He will address all aspects of development and management of top quality vines and producing the highest quality fruit. Jim knows all aspects of vineyard care so get your questions ready. He will also give us some history of this pioneering and forward looking family. Jim and his wife Kathleen are founders of Kelley Young Winery and Jim will bring several current release wines to share and talk about.

Don't miss this meeting!!

OAK PURCHASE - We had substantial orders for StaVin oak beans and replicas and your order will be available at the upcoming meeting. If you didn't get your order in, we will have a followup order placed by early December. An order form will be circulated at the November meeting or call Bob Bennett to place your request. To understand the products and to plan your purchase, go to stavin.com.

GENCO BARREL - Last year's Merlot is in the bottle and this year's Syrah is in the barrel. The 2012 crew had a good learning experience and will enjoy a very nice wine given several months of aging. The current group is off to an interesting start. The grapes were picked in the rain and called for some sugar and acid adjustment. It will be a learning opportunity about creating a winning wine. We just racked off the gross lees and the wine is resting quietly for the Winter. The numbers are good and ML is complete.

HARVEST 2013 - We had two banner years in a row. There was plentiful great fruit out there. If you didn't get what you wanted, shame on you for not getting out there after it. The fruit was excellent and should make fine wine.

CHRISTMAS PARTY - You will hear from Social Director Carol Hazlett about this year ending GALA. The Holiday party is always a highlight of the year so don't miss out.