



## Garage Enologists of North County

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**Next Meeting:** November 16, 2015- Wednesday  
**Place:** Good Shepherd  
**Time:** 7:00 PM  
**Glasses:** 2 Glasses



**October Meeting Summary – Steve Burch, the Sales Director for Pronektar,** the Tonnellerie Radoux line of alternative forms of oak, talked to us about their entire comprehensive line of products. He gave us insight into use of oak alternatives in fermentation to stabilize color and improve mouthfeel, multiple forms of oak for tannin management and oak character during the bulk aging of wines, and also use of oak products shortly prior to bottling to mask and improve the green character and other defects in our wines. There are lots of good products out there if we know how to use them. We concluded the meeting with an impressive array of Best in Show, Best in Class, and other Gold Medal wines from our own Harvest Fair. Thanks to those who shared their precious winners. It was observed that Silver Medal wines are also impressively good and we intend to have those shared with us in a meeting in the next few months.

### **NOVEMBER MEETING – HARVEST WINEMAKING 2016**

We had this subject four years ago, but who doesn't have something to learn, or to share? Vineyard evaluation, weather effects, crop yield, and for winemaking cold soaking, crushing, fermentation, extended maceration, defect avoidance, pressing, M/L activities. It's all up for discussion. It is not just about learning something. It is about getting answers and picking up new ideas. Come on seasoned and successful winemakers; many of you have learned ideas and skills through GENCO. Help others gain similar knowledge, plus you might pick up a new idea of your own. We will conclude the meeting by evaluating trends and characteristics in Sauvignon Blanc wine. Bruce Hagen will lead a tasting and discussion of several commercial wines of different stylistic attributes. Bring two glasses and enjoy.

### **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Don't forget to mark your calendars for this December 3<sup>rd</sup>, gala event. Email Carol at [carolhazlett@me.com](mailto:carolhazlett@me.com) with your number of attendees, potluck choice, and willingness to help. Then bring a bottle for sharing and another bottle, Christmas wrapped, for the bottle exchange. You won't believe the fabulous transition that will take place at our meeting venue. We'll have fine food, fine homemade wines, and our traditional holiday sing-along. Don't miss this highlight of the whole Holiday Season.

**For 2017 GENCO will have the following positions open: Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary terms all end at year's end.** The January 2017 meeting is our election meeting to fill the positions. If you have interest please contact the current position holders or our President. Further contact information see our member list @ GENCOWINEMAKERS.COM

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