



Garage Enologists of North County

Next Meeting: November 24 - Tuesday
Place: Sebastopol Library
Time: 6:30 PM



OCTOBER MEETING SUMMARY – GOWER RANCH

It was a really nice visit to the Gower's in Windsor. Beautiful evening, a look at the vineyard (too wet to tour), a big winery/barn with lots of winemaking stuff, much of it innovative and personally crafted by Steve. To finish it up, socializing over several very nice Gower wines. Thank you Steve and Lisa.

NOVEMBER MEETING – BEER!!! How and Why to Brew Our Own—

Bob Peak – The Beverage People



We all rely on Beverage People for many of our wine and beer making needs. So it is natural that Bob Peak lead a discussion on beer making. He is not going to tell us all about it. Bob is going to give us the scoop on what it is like, the basics of the process, what it costs, and what equipment is needed (pointing out which of the equipment we already have from our winemaking endeavors). The object of the meeting is to give us some insight so that we can decide if it is something we want to get into. After all, it has been said many times that "it takes a lot of beer to make good wine!" Let's find out if that beer we drink in the wine making process should be store bought or our own creation. We will follow up the meeting with a tasting of some home made beer. THEN- We will do a judging of our Rhone varietal wines. Bring two bottles if you can spare it. FYI, primary Rhone varietals are – Syrah, Grenache, Mourvedre, Carignan and Petite Sirah. Whites are Viognier, Rousanne, Marsanne. We are starting early because we MUST be out of the library by 8:50.

DUES – \$15 keeps you on the mailing list (\$25 for first timers and only \$5 if you paid in the first half of the year). I have made a notation on this notice if records show you have not paid dues this year.

SUPPLIES – Last chance 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 pass around at this meeting. Oak staves and beans are the products of primary interest to our members. Look it up at Stavin.com.

COMPETITIONS – DONE for the year!

CHRISTMAS PARTY – Enclosed for most of you is the Christmas Party notice. If you didn't get a notice that means our records indicate you haven't been to a meeting this year and we regret you cannot participate.

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