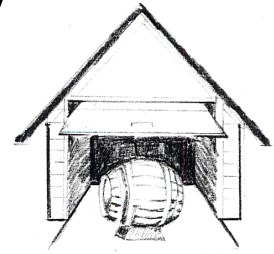


Garage Enologists of North County

Next Meeting: September 22 - Wednesday

Place: Healdsburg Library

Time: 7:00 PM



⇒ **AUGUST FEATURE – ZINFANDEL!**

Phyllis Zouzounis – Co-owner & Winemaker, Deux Amis Winery

Good meeting. Phyllis has long experience with her own label as well as years with Mazzocco and now Raymond Burr. All of us who make some Zinfandel know how tricky it can be to both grow and make, and Phyllis affirmed that. Maybe the vagaries of Zin is why she has adopted that varietal as her favorite. Through discussion and lots of questions we branched off into many areas of interest. The discussion continued with tasting of three very different Zins from Deux Amis Winery. Thank you Phyllis!

SEPTEMBER MEETING – BACK TO BASICS II – HOME WINEMAKING PROCESS

We will do a broad stroke discussion of the winemaking process. I hope not to get too deeply into any aspect of the process – we will save that for future meetings. Instead we intend to deal with all aspects, activities, and safeguards needed to make fine wine. I will lead the discussion, but will look for input from our experienced participants. Some of you may think this discussion too basic for you but past experience has proven a great deal of good information and ideas comes out of these kind of discussions. To add an interesting note to the meeting we will do a taste-off of red wine barrel samples of the 2009 vintage, all varieties. Judge the promise to be found in our young wines, so **bring your barrel samples**. It is OK to bring any red '09 even if it is bottled. It will give you a feel for how a good wine tastes in its early stages. Please bring two bottles, but only one wine per family.

WINE COMPETITIONS – CELLARMASTERS, L A. This is the 37th U S Amateur Wine Competition. Deadline Nov 27. A few of us have entered this one. It is a good competition with good judges and considerable participation. For info, go online to Cellarmasters.

HARVEST FAIR SETUP – GENCO members share in setting up the amateur wine display for the Fair. This year it is Thursday, Sep 30 starting at about 9 a m and finishing about noon. We have enough signed up, but more are welcome if they didn't get their names in yet.

CLUB WINEMAKING PROJECT – It looks like a great, but failed, idea. The Bennett Ridge merlot got considerable sunburn. It is too bad as the fruit was looking great, but we had to drop a fair amount of damaged grapes. We will probably have a portion of the fruit available so we can do a mini, subject to fruit availability and your response to short notice. Same program. I will sign up the first dozen who email me at bennett9@aol.com.

CHRISTMAS PARTY – We need someone to volunteer a house, barn, garage, or studio to host our annual party. Many of you have already hosted this get together so maybe it is your turn. You don't need a mansion. With creativity, we have been able to get quite a few people in a relatively small space. Also, we can limit attendance if the need arises. Call me.

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