



Garage Enologists of North County

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Next Meeting: Wednesday - September 28, 2011
Place: Healdsburg Library
Time: 6:30 PM



AUGUST SUMMARY - PREPARATION FOR HARVEST

After an update by Sue Ostrom of the Ag Commission regarding the European Grapevine Moth, we then touched on some subjects about preparing for harvest, but mostly we discussed many aspects of winemaking. Thanks to all, but especially to Bruce Hagen, for a lot of good ideas. The discussion was followed by a judging of member Chardonnays. There were several nice wines but Kevin Holloway was the clear winner with the only Gold. We had a nice turnout for this interesting meeting.

SEPTEMBER MEETING - HARVEST 2011

We talked about preparation last month. Who doesn't have something to learn, or to share, about harvest activities? Vineyard evaluation, 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, 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. We will follow-up with a tasting of Blush and Rose wines. If you have a blush, bring two bottles to share and be prepared to discuss your wine. It should be a good evening. Bring one glass to the meeting.

SANTA CRUZ TRIP - Nice turnout, great time, good food, wine and company, with weather perfect. What a weekend to spend time together. Thanks greatly to Sheila deLong, Carol Hazlett, and spouses.

CLUB WINEMAKING PROJECT -

Many of you will make Merlot wine this fall picked and crushed from the same grapes and we'll compare what we get. Picking date is Oct 1. If you can't make it but can pick up the must Sun Oct 2, we can accommodate you. Judgment day will be a potluck with tasting of the participant wines next August. The pricing and entire program is attractive and there is room for a few more. I have committed grapes to this project and due to some untimely cancellations I have about 500 lbs excellent Merlot grapes available for purchase. Call Bob at 433-4574.

HARVEST FAIR SETUP - This Thursday 9/29 at 9 a.m. Thank you to those who signed up. If you want to help and haven't signed up, call Emilio at 827-3048. Congratulations to those who entered the competition. There were many successes by our members.

GENCO COMPETITION - Late this year we will have our first GENCO wine competition. Details have been distributed. More information at the September meeting.

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