



Garage Enologists of North County

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Next Meeting: September 23 – Tuesday
Place: Healdsburg Library
Time: 7:00 PM
Glasses: 2



***AUGUST MEETING – WINE DEFECT AVOIDANCE – MICHELLE BOWEN,
WINE SERVICES DIRECTOR, ENARTIS-VINQUIRY***

Michelle's long experience with the technical aspects of winemaking came through loud and clear in this meeting. She shared thoughts regarding many of the defects in winemaking including how to avoid problems and how to resolve them if you have difficulties. We followed with tasting of three Gold Medal wines from the Napa Fair competition. Thank you Michelle, and thank you Gary, Peter & Bob for sharing!!

SEPTEMBER MEETING – HARVEST 2014

We often devote our September meeting to discussion about the current harvest. Who doesn't have something to learn, or to share, about harvest activities? Vineyard evaluation, cold soaking, crushing, fermentation, extended maceration, pressing, M/L activities. Many of us come up with new ideas, activities, methods, or problems. I encourage you seasoned and successful winemakers to share your insight and experience. We all have things to learn. We will follow-up with a tasting of Harvest Fair Silver medal wines. No, not Golds but Silvers. Silver is a mark of success given to nice wines. Bring two bottles of each to share and discuss.

ACTIVITIES – The **Harvest Party** is at Kachina Vineyard DCV on October 11. See the separate notice sent to all and info is also on the website. Sign up now and come enjoy this low key event.

MENDOCINO TRIP– The word is out, notices have been sent to all. Many fine wines come out of Mendocino and there are many interesting places to visit. Several Genco members have devoted their time and skills into making this trip a huge success and it promises to be just that. Past Genco trips have been very successful and this one is sure to please. Information is also on the Genco website.

GENCO BARREL –

Cancelled for 2014 due to lack of fruit.

HARVEST FAIR SETUP – Cancelled this year due to dissatisfaction with the intended location for the display away from the Wine Pavilion, and unhappiness about the high cost of entries into the competition.

AMATEUR WINE COMPETITIONS – Mostly done. There were many successes by our winemakers in the Harvest Fair competition. Congratulations to all. The only upcoming is Cellarmasters, called the U S Amateur Winemaking Competition. It is a pretty good one. Look forward to our own Genco Winemaking Competition to be held early next Spring.

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