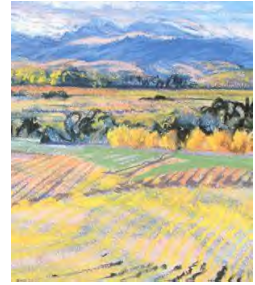




## Garage Enologists of North County

**Next Meeting:** September 28, 2016 - Wednesday  
**Place:** BEVERAGE PEOPLE  
1845 Piner Road, D  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403  
**Time:** 7:00 PM  
**Glasses:** 2



### September Meeting topic

**THIS MONTHS MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE BEVERAGE PEOPLE IN SANTA ROSA, CA BRUCE HAGEN PRESENTATION "THE IMPORTANCE OF SO2"**

SO2 management for home winemakers. Basically, SO2 is used to promote a healthy fermentation, prevent bacterial spoilage and premature oxidation. For most amateur winemakers, the appropriate use of SO2 is perhaps the most misunderstood winemaking practice, yet it is critical. I will discuss why SO2 is so important, how and when to add it, how it is measured, how to calculate how much is needed, and how to maintain a sufficient level to protect your wine. I'll define free, bound and total SO2 and talk about the stages of winemaking when SO2 is needed. I'll also talk about practices that minimize the need for SO2. I'll also discuss what SO2 does and what happens to it when added to juice or wine. Furthermore, I'll discuss how wine pH determines how much SO2 will be needed. The information presented will help home winemakers avoid common mistakes and prevent the defects that develop when SO2 is not managed well.

### **AUGUST meeting summary – ReCoop Operation Mgr. Lori Adams**

We were given a tour of the ReCoop facility explaining the location is an old apple processing plant where they have been in operation for 30 years. They only purchase specific types of oak barrels for re-conditioning. The barrels are then aged to dry prior to being made into the ReCoop barrels. A wonderful wine tasting was enjoyed in the facility afterward.

**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. See the GENCO website for contact information.

***Our Harvest Party will be October 15<sup>th</sup> 5pm-8pm at the DeLong's. Check your email for the RSVP and potluck sign up.***

**Denise Wright, GENCO Secretary**

