



GENCO



## Garage Enologists of North (Sonoma) County

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**Next Meeting:** August 28, 2012 - Tuesday  
**Place:** Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Healdsburg  
**Time:** 7:00 PM

### ***JUNE FEATURE - FINING, A TOOL TO FIX WINE PRODUCTION ISSUES***

Mike Gulyash of Zichichi Winery gave us the scoop on fining. Mike says it is one of many tools in the arsenal that should be embraced. Mike's philosophy is simple. Make the best wine you can. There are many fining agents and each has its purpose. You shouldn't fine unless your wine will benefit from it but never be reluctant to use this enhancement. We closed the meeting with a tasting of a couple nice Zichichi wines. Thanks Mike!

### ***JULY FEATURE - SATURDAY SEMINAR, THANKS TO BRIAN TULLER***

This first time event was a real success. 14 individual presentations and each of the 38 participants had the opportunity to attend four sessions. A survey concluded that the time allotted for each presentation was not enough to fully explore the topic, but they were good and most participants would welcome another such event in a couple years. The session was followed by a short social gathering. Brian Tuller, hero of the month!!

### ***AUGUST MEETING - BEER! HOW & WHY TO BREW OUR OWN***

We are all focused on the upcoming harvest but what will we do after the crush is done? Byron Burch, former partner in Beverage People and a beer maker extraordinaire, leads a discussion on beer making. He is not going to tell us all about it. But Byron is going to give us the scoop on what it is like, what it costs, what equipment is needed (pointing out which of the equipment we already have for 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 "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 close out the meeting with a few wines to taste and discuss. BRING TWO WINE GLASSES!

***WINE COMPETITIONS*** - All done. Sonoma-Marin, Orange County, Marin, Napa, and a host of smaller ones. The GENCO competition and Harvest Fair are closed and we are awaiting results. We hope you winemakers entered several competitions and had great success.

***GENCO WINE COMPETITION*** - The GENCO Competition Awards Dinner is Saturday August 25. Bruce & Linda Hagen, with the help of many, put together another first rate competition and the results will be announced at the Awards Dinner. You don't have to have wines entered to attend the dinner. You know if Carol Hazlett put it together it will be first rate. It is not too late to sign up. Call Carol at 799-1362 or email to [carolhazlett@me.com](mailto:carolhazlett@me.com)

***MERLOT PROJECT*** - Started during the 2011 harvest, a bunch of us made Merlot from the same grapes, each in his or her own style. We will taste them all at a pot-luck gathering Sunday August 26. Award winning winemaker Erik Miller of Kokomo Winery, and his Asst. Winemaker Josh Bartels, will join us and give evaluations of each of the wines. We look forward to a nice evening with an interesting array of Merlots. Unfortunately, the event is open only to those who participated in the project.

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