



**GENCO**



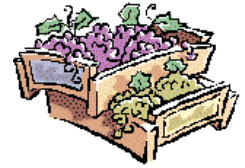
**Garage Enologists of North (Sonoma) County**

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**Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 28, 2012**

**Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**

**Time: 7:30 PM ~ FOR THIS MEETING ONLY!**



***JANUARY SUMMARY - GENCO - A LOOK BACK AND A LOOK FORWARD***

***Group Discussion***

We had an interesting meeting that briefly summarized the past year activities but focused on what is in store for 2012. Carol Hazlett was elected to the GENCO Board as Activities Coordinator. There was a lot of open discussion from the members and, due to the size of GENCO, there was discussion about having smaller workshops on specific subjects that are of importance but perhaps not of broad interest to all. A wide range of ideas surfaced for activities. The GENCO leaders committed to pursue several ideas; however, it was agreed it will take broad participation in leadership from the members to make much of this happen. Great input!! We closed the meeting by tasting several interesting white wine barrel samples. We had 72 in attendance, a record, that challenged the room capacity.

***FEBRUARY MEETING: EFFECTS OF VINE MANAGEMENT ON VINEYARD YIELD***

***Rhonda Smith - Viticulture Farm Advisor, UC Cooperative Extension***

This meeting should be very interesting for those with vineyards. Rhonda is extremely knowledgeable about the science of grape growing and has taken on the challenge of discussing the factors affecting vineyard yield. The intent is to focus on the vines themselves, how they react to external factors, rather than deal with vineyard diseases. We hope to learn how we can manage the vines and their micro-climate to guard against the unpredictability of the growing season, so that satisfactory yield is achieved without sacrificing quality. These past two unfortunate growing seasons were challenging with some growers hurt far worse than others. Insight into the nature of vines should lead to insight into how to successfully manage our vineyards. For tasting, bring two bottles each of the Bordeaux varietals Cab Franc, Petit Verdot or Malbec for sharing and discussion

**NOTE: Directions to the church are found at [gencowinemakers.com](http://gencowinemakers.com) under meeting archives & maps.**

***GENCO DUES - Dues are payable on a calendar year basis and are set this year at \$20 per family. Many covered their dues at the recent meeting. If you are not one of them, bring your check to the meeting payable to Treasurer Mike Miller.***

***GENCO BARREL UPDATE - Resting quietly, our barrel of Cab is showing promise. ML is done.***

***SUPPLIES PURCHASE*** --Do you have your oak needs covered; beans, staves? Call Bob if you need something. As for corks, call Bruce Hagen (548-4983) right away if you want some synthetic corks. If you are looking for natural corks Bob will be taking orders in April for May delivery.

***WINE COUNTRY TRIP*** – Mike Miller arranged a visit to Amador County and Sheila DeLong arranged one to Santa Cruz wine country. Who will step up and volunteer to put together a trip for this year? Call Activities Coordinator Carol Hazlett (799-1363)

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