



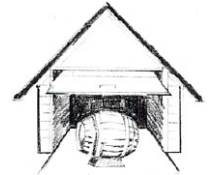
GENCO



Garage Enologists of North (Sonoma) County

www.gencowinemakers.com

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 1, 2012
Place: Healdsburg Library
Time: 6:30 PM



DECEMBER SUMMARY - DEALING WITH POST FERMENTATION PROBLEMS

Anthony Beckman, Winemaker, Balletto Vineyards & Winery

Due to a conflict for a meeting room this session shifted from one location to another but it nevertheless was a fine discussion. Anthony pulled it off without a hitch. We picked up a bunch of novel ideas and considerations about avoiding and dealing with problems. He poured a wine he had many problems with along the way but it turned out just fine. It was a very down to earth and informative presentation. At the meeting we also voted to re-elect the current GENCO Board of Directors to continue in their positions for another year.

JANUARY MEETING: GENCO - A LOOK BACK AND A LOOK FORWARD

Group Discussion

We will briefly review the changes and activities within GENCO during the past year but will spend most of the time discussing what is in store for 2012. It will be an open meeting about desired activities, meeting topics, travel plans, and whatever else the membership wants to discuss. We added a few activities this past year and want to add more in 2012. We intend to make this a vibrant organization with something for everybody. As a part of this, we have added to the Board the position of Activities Coordinator and will vote at the meeting for a person to fill that position. We will conclude the meeting with a tasting and discussion about white wine barrel samples. Bring two bottles each to share and discuss, and bring two glasses each for tasting.



In February and March we intend to have speakers on some vital subjects.

CHRISTMAS PARTY - WOW!! It is amazing how a crew of our more creative members can rise to the challenge and make a basic room into a delightful party place. The food was great! The wine was great! The camaraderie was great! The Holiday atmosphere and sing-a-long was enjoyable! Makes you look forward to next years party and maybe even have another holiday party at the beginning of Summer; maybe sing patriotic songs or parade around in red-white&blue.

GENCO DUES - Dues are payable on a calendar year basis and are set this year at \$20 per family. Whether you bring your spouse or not, \$20 covers all kind of good things coming up. Bring your check to the meeting payable to Treasurer Mike Miller. For newbies, dues are not payable until the third meeting you attend. We want you to first be sure GENCO is right for you. Make you checks payable to Mike Miller.

COMPETITIONS - Geyserville Chamber closes Feb 4. Judging by industry professionals so get your wines to Bosworths by then for an early evaluation of your wines. Forms at www.amateur-wines.com. Winemaker Magazine competition deadline is in March, Fermenters International didn't have one last year, but most of the big ones are coming up in May/June so get your wines ready. The best are State Fair, Orange County, and our Harvest Fair, but don't forget Sonoma-Marin, Marin, our own GENCO competition, and others.

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