



GENCO



## Garage Enologists of North (Sonoma) County

GENCO website: [www.gencowinemakers.com](http://www.gencowinemakers.com)

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday - May 22, 2012  
**Place:** Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Healdsburg  
**Time:** 7:00 PM

### ***APRIL MEETING: BACK TO BASICS I - HOME WINEMAKING EQUIPMENT***

Something for everyone! We touched on all aspects of winemaking materials. As intended, it was largely a basic review of what it takes to become a successful winemaker. The session was largely led by Bob but many of us pitched in with our thoughts. We finished with a judging of several Italian varietals and one Merlot. With one exception we judged the wines as good but we reaffirmed that our members are tough judges and reluctant to give high marks.

### ***MAY FEATURE - BACK TO BASICS II - HOME WINEMAKING PROCESS***

#### ***Group Discussion ~ A TWO GLASS MEETING***

We will do a broad stroke discussion of the winemaking process. I hope not to get too deeply into any aspect of the process – we will save that for future meetings. Instead we intend to deal with all aspects, activities, and safeguards needed to make fine wine. Bob will lead the discussion, but will look for input from our experienced participants. Past experience has proven a great deal of good information and ideas come out of these kind of discussions. To add an interesting note to the meeting **bring a red wine barrel sample** of the 2011 vintage, any variety. Let's see how a good wine tastes in its early stages. Please bring two bottles, but only one wine per family.

***SUPPLIES PURCHASE*** - If you ordered corks, they will be available at this meeting.

***WINE COMPETITIONS*** - Check the GENCO website for the current lineup. You have about one to three weeks left to get your entries delivered to the Beverage People new location at 1845 Piner Rd.

### ***SATURDAY SEMINAR - July 21, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Healdsburg***

This will be a great opportunity to have small breakout sessions and get into specifics of winemaking in smaller groups. It will be followed by a “no host” social gathering/tasting 4-5 PM. To learn more and to register, go to the members area of [gencowinemakers.com](http://gencowinemakers.com). **Registration fee of \$15 per member is due at the GENCO meeting May 22nd.** If you cannot be at the meeting, payment must be mailed right away to:

Mike Miller, 1865 Trimble Lane, Cloverdale 95425

***GENCO BARREL*** - The GENCO barrel project for the coming harvest is full. If you want to participate in this fun/educational activity you will have to wait until 2013.

***ACTIVITIES*** - Carol Hazlett says **keep your eyes open and mark your calendars. GENCO picnic June 24, Christmas Party Dec 15, a trip to Oregon wine country in the Fall.**

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