

Missouri Winemaking Society

Newsletter, January 2004

Next meeting: Thursday January 15th at 7:30PM, Maplewood Community Pool, 7550 Lohmeyer, Maplewood MO

Program: “Managing Acids in Wine”

- ? Total acid (TA) and pH harvest parameter targets
- ? Why are acids important in the winemaking process
- ? Effects of yeast fermentation on TA and pH
- ? How Malolactic Fermentation (ML) affects TA and pH
- ? Adding tartaric acid to correct high pH wines
- ? The effect of “cold stabilization” on TA and pH
- ? Adding chemicals to correct high acid wines

Tasting: We will have a variety of commercial table wines for which the TA and pH have previously been measured. We will taste and discuss the wines while focusing on the acid levels and how they affect the color, aromas, and taste. There will be a **charge of \$3** to help cover the cost of the wine and food.

2004 Membership Dues of \$20 are due now. If you haven't already done so, please pay at next meeting or send to: Alice Rau, 10545 Homestead, St. Louis, MO 63114

Missouri Winemaking Society's 2004 Wine Fair is Sunday, February 15, at DeSmet Jesuit High School, 233 N. New Ballas Rd., Creve Coeur, MO. **Entry rules** and forms will have been mailed or will be available at the Jan. meeting. If you haven't received them, contact Keith Burns at 314-521-7148, or kab62@swbell.net.

Enter as many wines as you can, even if you don't get a high score you can get valuable feedback from the judges' notes. Plan to come even if you don't enter wine. We need **volunteers** to help with washing glasses and bussing tables. We won't work you too hard, and we always have a fun time. Following the judging, we will have our traditional **potluck dinner**, with plenty of open bottles of wine to sample. Don't forget to **bring food** for the potluck dinner. There will be a refrigerator, microwave, and stove available. Start looking around for items to bring to the **Silent Auction**. Items don't have to be related to winemaking. Remember “one person's junk in another's treasure.”

Midwest Grape & Wine Conference is Saturday, February 7th thru Monday, February 9th, at Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach, Missouri, for more information, call 1-800-392-WINE

Calendar of Events:

- ? February 19th MWS Meeting: Fred Dressel will talk about “Vineyard Management”
- ? Early March: Grape Pruning Demo and Discussion at a MWS member's vineyard
- ? March 13th Missouri Grape Growers meeting at the Elks Lodge in Rolla, MO
- ? March 18th MWS Meeting: Wine Fair Awards and Tasting of the winners
- ? April 15th MWS Meeting will feature Clyde Gill of Peaceful Bend Winery (subject to be determined)

Help Wanted: St. Louis Wine & Beermaking is looking for part-time help in their shop, must have at least one year's experience making wine or beer. Contact Koelle at 636 230 8277 for more information

Thanks to Joy Stinger for hosting the annual Christmas Party on Dec 20th. We had plenty of good food and wine and it was good to see some members that we hadn't seen in a while.

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