



Newsletter

April 2005

Next Meeting:	Thursday, April 21, at 7:30 PM
Meeting Place:	Maplewood Community Pool, 7550 Lohmeyer, Maplewood, MO
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April Meeting:

Dave Anderson will be presenting a program on making champagne. This month's tasting, of course, will be champagnes and sparkling wines.

Last Month's Meeting:

We enjoyed a tasting of Gold Medal winning wines from our annual Wine Fair made by our members, with each winemaker discussing details of making these award-winning wines, including Bernard Cleve's Best of Show Norton.

We concluded the evening's tasting with three wines sent to us by MWS member James Traver of Willow Springs, MO, along with a nice letter telling us that with the added encouragement of the scores and comments received for his MWS Wine Fair entries in the past, plus two Golds and a Silver this year including the award for the Highest Scoring Grape Wine for his 2003 Norton/Merlot, he has decided to go commercial. Thank you, James, for the wines. We certainly did enjoy them and wish you the best in your new venture. Please keep us posted.

May Field Trip

IN PLACE OF OUR REGULAR THIRD THURSDAY MEETING IN MAY, we will be heading on a field trip to visit a few Illinois wineries. We really hope ALL of you will join us and consider inviting some of your friends to join us too.

Saturday, May 21 – mark your calendars! Dave Anderson contacted Vandalia Bus Lines and, if we can get a commitment from at least 35 people, at \$20 per person, we can let them do the driving for us for a 10-hour trip. If we do not have enough people interested for the bus, we will car pool or drive separately. Either way, it's a date. We plan to start at Pheasant Hollow Winery, owned by Denny Franklin. Denny has spoken at two of our monthly meetings in the last few years and brought a number of his wines for us to taste. We KNOW his wines are good to start out our trip! Denny has also participated as one of our Wine Fair judges for the last several years. Further details of other wineries we might visit will be forthcoming. If you have any winery suggestions, be sure to bring them to this month's meeting to discuss.

If you would like to join us, please let me know ASAP at "btjurkovich@hotmail.com" or (314) 353-4927. Let me know if are interested in the taking the bus or prefer to drive yourself. Thanks!

Did you see Dave and Paul in the Post-Dispatch a couple of Saturday ago?

Debra Bass, Home Editor, of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* had stopped by our Wine Fair in February. She visited both Dave Anderson and Paul Hendricks to check out their home winemaking facilities and vineyards, which she included in her article (along with some other guy who has a fancy wine cellar, refuses to buy Missouri wines or any wine under \$10. This guy just doesn't know what he's missing.) Really nice to see friends make the *Post* and receive such nice coverage.

June 16 – Next MWS regularly-scheduled third Thursday meeting.