

Newsletter

July, 2003

Next Meeting: Thursday July 17, 2003 at 7:30 PM. Maplewood Community Center
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HAPPENING THIS MONTH

Paul Hendricks will be presenting the program for this month's meeting. His topic will be the equipment and techniques for making nouveau style wines in general and specifically, blackberry.

THANKS TO THE CLEVE'S

We all enjoyed the club's picnic at Bernard and Anna's house. A good time was had by all. We tasted at least three wines with each course. The listing of the wines with results follows in Dave Anderson's report.

SECRETARY'S CORNER

Reminder #1: \$3 per person in attendance is due to Alice Rau, Treasurer, upon arrival at each meeting to help cover the cost of cheese and bread for the evening's tasting. First-time guests do not pay.

WINE TASTING

By Dave Anderson

At the Missouri Winemaking Society picnic of June 21, 2002, a pairing of food and wines occurred. Pairings were as follows:
With the appetizer of apple and Brie cheese:

- ? Meridian 2001 Chardonnay
- ? MWS 2002 Vidal
- ? Tochtrop 2002 Blackberry

With the entrée of bratwurst:

- ? Cleve 2002 Norton
- ? Jurkovich 2001 Chamourcin
- ? Fetzer 2002 Gewurztraminer

With the four different strawberry shortcakes for dessert:

- ? Rau 2001 Black Raspberry
- ? Stricker 2000 Black Raspberry
- ? Parris 2000 Mead
- ? Jurkovich 2002 Black Raspberry

It was noted during the tasting that the Meridian Chardonnay was not as good as was previously consumed by members of the club. A second bottle was opened and was more in line with the general reputation of the wine. All did not try this second bottle and thus its pairing overall score suffered. It averaged a score of 4 out of 10 with its pairing with the appetizer.

All other wines remarkably score between 6 and 7 in their respective pairing. Taking into account who was scoring what wine (discounting a wine maker scoring his/her own wine and a cook scoring his/her own food item) it is the opinion of the scorekeeper that all the pairings were equal.

It is also the opinion of the scorekeeper that all the wines and the food items were of an excellent quality and all had a good time.

Thank you Anna and Bernard for your hospitality.

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

OLD BUSINESS

- ? There were no old business items presented as the picnic replaced our usual meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- ? We did not have a formal meeting in June but did discuss the trip for August. Our plans will be finalized at the July meeting.
- ? We also have a new member to welcome: Bill Princivalli joined our club at the June picnic.
- ? Greg Stricker sent a message that the father of Bob Bubenik passed away. Bob was a former member of the wine club.

MWS NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Congratulations to Steve Schmitt for his efforts in getting our wine club profiled in the August/September issue of WineMaker Magazine. The article can be found on page 11 in the magazine. I know he put in a frantic weekend getting the information together. The magazine contacted him late in the week and requested that the article be in their office by Monday morning.

WINEMAKER CONTESTS

WineMaker Magazine also has information in the August/September issue about two contests that will be sponsored by the magazine. The first is a "home wine label contest". The entry form can be found on page 8 in the magazine. The entry deadline is September 1, 2003.

The second contest is their "WineMaker International Amateur Wine Competition". The rules are listed on pages 26 through 29 in the magazine with the entry form being on page 29. The entry deadline is November 21, 2003.

I will make several copies of the entry forms and they will be available at the July meeting.

THIS AND THAT

- ? Wine tools can be found at www.wineenthusiast.com or 1-800-295-2226
- ? Several interesting web sites are; www.winemakermag.org and www.mtngrv.smsu.edu/grapenews.htm