

## **The Missouri Winemaking Society Newsletter for February, 2023**

Next Meeting: Presentation by head winemaker, Murph from Defiance Ridge Winery

Meeting Place: St. Gerard Majella Church  
1971 Dougherty Ferry Rd  
St Louis, MO 63122

Date & Time: February 16th, 7:00

MWS Website: [www.mowinemakers.org](http://www.mowinemakers.org)

### ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: DAN PETERS***

Greetings Wine Society Friends:

It's February. For many of us, that means it is a vacation month from winemaking, but not all. Some are actively preparing wines for competitions. Others might be bottling a California 2022 wine. The eager of us are cleaning and thinking of what wines we will make this year and determining if our supplies and equipment are up to the task.

Either way, let's just say it's not the busiest month for winemakers so what can we do? Oh, we can DRINK WINE!

We started off the year with a blast. Our January meeting was our Missouri Gold Medal Wine event. I don't recall the exact number but we tasted 11 or 12 great wines. Some sparkling, several whites, a rose, and side by side competition of Norton's and Chambourcins, and finished off with Ice Wine and Port. It was a blast! Special Thanks to Steve and Lisa for their help put that meeting together!

But let's not stop there. This month Brian Prunty is working on a special tasting with "Murph" from Defiance Ridge. Many of you know "Murph". He led us on a tour and tasting of Defiance Ridge (when?) a year or two ago? He is vineyard and winemaking expert and on top of it a great guy. We are sure to have fun.

### ***FEBRUARY 16th MEETING***

A big thanks to Brian Prunty for securing Tom Murphy, better known as "Murph", the head winemaker at Defiance Ridge. Murph will be sharing many winemaking tips. We will be tasting five wines from Defiance Ridge and Murph will be talking about each one. The five wines are Norton, Chambourcin, Chambourcin Rose', Traminette, and their award winning Vignoles. Come with your questions and Murph will be happy to answer them.

### ***RE-CAP OF JANUARY'S MEETING***

Dan Peters was presented the coveted Sommelier Cup by outgoing president, Lisa Nordman. In the past, the Sommelier Cup was awarded to the winemaker that won the most ribbons for their wines at the MWS Wine Fair. The sommelier cup was donated by Jane Schweitzer to the club after the death of her husband Jim in the mid 1980s. Jim was a charter member of the club. Now that we no longer have Wine Fairs the Sommelier Cup is presented to each incoming president.

Steve Brunkhorst presented the Favorite Red Wine Plaque to Cris Hiner for his delicious late harvest Chambourcin wine. Congratulations Cris!

Dan Peters and Steve Brunkhorst gave a very informative presentation on the Missouri Gold Medal Winners. The wines tasted were Stone Hill's Brut Rose', a fruit forward Seyval from Montelle, a delicious Vidal Blanc and Chardonnay from Augusta, an off dry Vignoles from Augusta and a dry Rose' from Noboleis. The coveted Governor's Cup award for the best Chambourcin went to Stone Hill and the CV Riley Award for the best Norton also went to Stone Hill Winery. Those two reds were full bodied with a wonderful aroma and bouquet. We ended the evening with tasting two desert wines, an Ice Wine from Augusta and a Port from Stone Hill. We had seventeen attendees and this meeting was enjoyed by all.

### ***CONGRATULATIONS TO AWARD WINNING GREG STRICKER***

Greg continues to bring in the medals for his delicious wines. From the Kentucky State Fair, Greg's 2019 Chambourcin won 1<sup>st</sup> place and he received a 2<sup>nd</sup> place for his 2021 Vignoles and 2021 Viognier.

From the LA Cellarmasters competition Greg was awarded a Gold for his 2020 Chambourcin, 2021 Viognier, 2021 Chardonnay, and 2021 Seyval. He received a Silver for his 2019 Chambourcin, 2019 Norton Bin 2, 2020 Corot Noir, 2021 Vignoles and 2021 Traminette

He received a bronze for his 2018 Norton, 2019 Corot Noir and 2020 Black Raspberry.

Greg also entered wines in the Colorado Association for Viniculture & Enology (CAVE). He received a Gold for his 2021 Chardonnay and 2021 Traminette. Silver was awarded for his 2021 Seyval and Bronze for his 2019 Norton, 2020 Chambourcin and 2021 Vignoles.

Congratulations again Greg!!!

### ***DUES ARE DUE NOW***

Annual membership fees are \$50 for 2023. Bring your check payable to "Missouri Winemaking Society" to the January meeting or send your check to Dave Wert, 1599 Highway 100, Pacific, MO 63069

### **2023 MISSOURI WINEMAKING SOCIETY CALENDAR**

January 19 • 7:00 - **Missouri Gold Medal Winners** - Presented by Dan Peters and Steve Brunkhorst

February 16 • 7:00 - **Winemaker Talk** - Murphy from Defiance Ridge

March 16 • **Member Forum - What are They Doing Now?** Planning and actions to insure the best outcome for their wines.

Saturday, April 8 • Time TBD - **Winery VIP Visit and lunch at Stone Hill Winery**

May 18 • 7:00 - **You Too Can Make Award Winning Wines**- Lisa Nordmann and Greg Stricker

June 15 • 7:00 - **Members Wines Produced from St. James Winery**

July 20 • 7:00 - **Favorite White Wine Competition**

August 17 • 7:00 **Favorite Wines ABM** (Anything but wines made from Missouri grapes or juice)

September 21 • **Missouri Wine Board Representative Talk**

Saturday, October 21 • **Picnic** TBD MWS Members only

November 16 • **Favorite Red Wine Competition**

Saturday, December 16 • **Annual Christmas Party** - Place TBD - MWS Members only

### ***ODDS & ENDS***

Greg Stricker wanted to share this article on Wine Facts from Wine Folly's author, Madeline Puckette. It is filled with fascination wine facts many that I found interesting.  
[https://winefolly.com/tips/how-many-glasses-bottle-wine/?utm\\_source=Wine+Folly&utm\\_campaign=7bcd790397-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2022\\_12\\_22\\_10\\_06\\_COPY\\_01&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_-c957bcc469-%5BBLIST\\_EMAIL\\_ID%5D&mc\\_cid=7bcd790397&mc\\_eid=b4a846b31c](https://winefolly.com/tips/how-many-glasses-bottle-wine/?utm_source=Wine+Folly&utm_campaign=7bcd790397-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2022_12_22_10_06_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-c957bcc469-%5BBLIST_EMAIL_ID%5D&mc_cid=7bcd790397&mc_eid=b4a846b31c)

If any one is in need of burgandy or bourdeau wine bottles, Kater Murch still has some to sell. He is asking \$2.10 per bottle. His e-mail is [katermurch@gmail.com](mailto:katermurch@gmail.com)

