**The Missouri Winemaking Society Newsletter for January 2020**

**Next Meeting:  Thursday January 16th  -  7:00**

**Location:**St.Gerard Majella Church • 1971 Dougherty Ferry Rd   • St Louis, MO 63122

**This is our :  Missouri Gold Medal Wine Tasting**

 You do not want to miss this meeting where we will taste 9 wines from Missouri commercial wineries, produced from Missouri grapes, awarded Gold Medals at the Missouri State competition.

This tasting of 3 whites and 6 reds was made in wine heaven.  One of the white wines was selected by USA today as THE Missouri wine in its Summer article “a fantastic wine from each state”.

We have a pair of light red wines, a pair of bold red wines, and a pair of fortified red wines. Not only will we be tasting Gold medal wines, but also, we will have the opportunity to do a side by side comparison of these wine pairs from different wineries.

Mike and Mary Kalish will present the wines for this meeting.

There is no “commercial wine” surcharge at this meeting

**December**

We enjoyed a fabulous party at Phil and Debbie Rahn’s  House.

 There was much food and drink.  Savory Lamb with sides and Champagne was flowing!

 Special Thank You to Phil and Debbie for hosting, cooking and sharing great Champagne!  Thank you to everyone for sharing and making it enjoyable for all!

 **President’s Message**

Here's to a great New Year to everyone! We had a great "past year", and  2020 will be a fun and educational year too. One thing I remember from 2019 is that we all make pretty good wine! Our many group projects and tastings proved that. Let's keep it up, and try some new things. So here's to the New Year!

Cheers • Phil

**Dues**

**Please pay 2020 dues in January.**

Our MWS membership dues remain the same as last year:

The $50 membership allows you to attend all 12 events in 2020.  (there may be a $5 surcharge if commercial wines are served & you must pay your own way for any commercial tastings at wineries or wine stores during the year)

The $25 membership allows you to attend meetings, however you must pay a $5 fee for each meeting you attend.  (just like the $50 membership, there may be additional surcharges)

Make your check out to “Missouri Winemaking Society”

***Missouri Winemaking Society Facebook Page***

A benefit to being a member of the Missouri Making Society is being able to join our closed Facebook page for members only.  We have had a great year with many members sharing valuable information.  It is also fun to see what all of our members are up to in their vineyards and wine cellars.  If you have not joined yet, log into Facebook and search for Missouri Winemaking Society.  Ask to join and I will let you in.  Remember though, **this is a closed group just for MWS members.**

 ***Wine Making Tips:***

Don’t forget, there are lots of useful files on our website.  To access all the terrific things in the Library section, click on the website link at the top of this newsletter, scroll down to the *Membership* section, and click on the *Click here* link under MWS Library.

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

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