**The Missouri Winemaking Society Newsletter for June, 2018**

Next Meeting: PH & S02 Testing presented by Steve Kintz

Meeting Place: St.Gerard Majella Church

1971 Dougherty Ferry Rd

St Louis, MO 63122

Date & Time: Thursday, June 21, 7:00

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

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***June 21st Meeting***

Steve Kintz will present an informative meeting on PH and S02 testing which are probably the two most important items in winemaking. This will be a very informative meeting not to be missed. If you would like to share a bottle of wine, please bring a bottle of white or rose’ wine to share.

***Sneak Peek for July’s Program***

We will be meeting on July 19th for our Favorite White Wine contest. Please bring a bottle of your finest white wine to be judged and possibly awarded by your fellow winemakers.

***May 12th Wine Tour and Pot Luck Picnic***

We had a fun picnic and wine tasting at St. Francois Winery in Park Hills. It was a great picnic on a very warm May afternoon. It was so much fun to share a bottle of wine and good food with some newer and seasoned members.

***President’s Message: Steve Brunkhorst***

I wish I could say I am 100% ready for this year’s wine making from Missouri fresh fruit, but I am not.  Some 2017 wine, still in carboys, must be bottled.  I must decide which wine styles I will make and which new ideas or variations I want to try.  Winemaking supplies must be planned and purchased.  On a positive note, I have reserved some Missouri grapes from one of my suppliers.  To our MWS members, let this note be a reminder, its time to finish up last years business and get ready for this years winemaking.  See you at our June meeting on the 21st.

***2018 Wine Grapes for Sale***

**Clarence Meyer Shady Grove Vineyards cvjam@aol.com**

White Grapes  • Vignoles - Chardonel - Traminette (returning from a year off)

Red Grapes  - Norton  - Chambourcin

Prices will remain unchanged from last year.

14502 State Route M Ste. Genevieve, MO 63670

**Jacob Schneider – Cane Pole Vineyard** **jwschneid@yahoo.com-**

Chambourcin & Norton

**Rick Dorsey- Stolpe Vineyards Rick.dorsey@husqvarnagroup.com**

1648 Stolpe Rd., Hermann, Mo 65041. 314-724-6610

Vidal & Norton $0.65 per pound.

Pick your own, crush your own at home. Nice grapes, great guy. Good facility

**Dustin McMahon • Gravel Road Vineyard (near Fults, IL)**

Chardonel, Chambourcin, Norton Grapes

dusty.mcbear@gmail.com

**Bob Streubing • Vine & Branches Vineyard**

Defiance, MO

Chambourcin, Norton, Vidal Blanc, Seyval Blanc, Chardonel Grapes

bobstruebing@gmail.com

**Mary and Mike Kalish mary\_kalish@yahoo.com**

Norton

***Winemaker Magazine***

Winemaker Magazine has received our club’s order for the 2018-19 subscription. The next magazine that should be in our mailboxes is the August-Septmeber issue. Also, everyone should be receiving the digital version.

 ***Society Dues:***

The yearly fee, per person, will be $50 ($25 after June), with no additional meeting fee (or tasting fee, if you prefer) – this is a savings over the course of the year if you attend all the meetings (and you should).  But if you do not want to pay the full $50, you can pay just $25 for a full year’s membership, but then you will need to pay a $5 per meeting “tasting” fee at each meeting you attend.  So it’s your choice to determine which way works best for you. Please pay by check but cash is also accepted.

***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 is 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.  Be sure to check these files out; they are chock full of knowledge and wisdom – you are sure to glean many gems.