**The Missouri Winemaking Society Newsletter for September, 2017**

Next Meeting:  Wine Testing and Sanitation

Meeting Place: St.Gerard Majella Church

1971 Dougherty Ferry Rd

St Louis, MO 63122

Time: September 21 at 7:30

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

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***September’s Program***

John Merkle will give a presentation on wine testing and sanitation.  We would like members to bring homemade wines (if you have them) for both tasting and testing.   In total we will taste about 8 or 9 wines and John will have time to analyze some of these for lab method demonstration and/or wine chemistry understanding.  If we end up with too many wines at the meeting, some wines may not be opened for tasting and they will go back home with you. If you have a wine that would be an interesting candidate, we will do our best to include it for tasting or analysis.  We will sort this out before the meeting gets underway.

***PRESIDENTS MESSAGE***: If you have an interest in being a Missouri Wine Society Officer candidate in 2018 please communicate to Steve Brunkhorst  ([stevebrunkhorst@att.net](mailto:stevebrunkhorst@att.net)) and Phil Rahn ([philrahn66@gmail.com](mailto:philrahn66@gmail.com)).

We have 5 participants in our White Wine Project WWP: Lisa Nordmann, Dave Wert, Phil Rahn, Tony Turek, and Steve Brunkhorst and 5 participants in our Red Wine Project RWP: Phil Rahn, Greg Stricker, Terry Stomberg, Dave Wert, and Steve Brunkhorst. For RWP Merlot grapes must be placed on order by THIS FRIDAY September 15th at St Louis Wine and Beermaking.  For WWP frozen Chardonay grape juice should be ordered during September from Peter Brehm. Contact Phil Rahn or Steve Brunkhorst for more info.

***August’s Program***

**Missouri Gold Medal Winners**

The Missouri Gold Medal Wine Tasting was back by popular demand and Steve Brunkhorst procured a wonderful selection of wines for us to savor. He visited local wine stores as well as wineries in Augusta and Hermann to secure these Missouri Gold Medal winners. We had a great tasting of these Gold Medal. We tasted a Seyval Blanc from Montelle, Chambourcin from Augusta, a Cream Sherry from Stone Hill and a Cynthiana Port from Montelle. 4 Nortons also were Gold Medal winners from Adam Puchta, Augusta, Stone Hill and Montelle. It was a fun meeting and an extremely informative meeting. Steve created a wonderful power point presentation that will be attached to newsletter e-mail and on our web site.

***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***

Our MWS Facebook Page is up and running. For all of you Facebook users, log into Facebook and search for Missouri Winemaking Society. If you have not joined please do so.  I am hoping that every Facebook user will join this group.   It is a great way for our members to share with what they are doing in their vineyard and wine cellars.  Also, if you have any files you would like to share with the group please post them. **This is a closed group just for MWS members.**

***Wine Making Tips:***

Don’t forget, there is lots of useful materials and information 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 materials out; they are chock full of knowledge and wisdom – you are sure to glean many gems.

There are many useful publications in the Missouri Winemaking Society Library – be sure to check out the books, papers, past presentations, and articles available in the Library by clicking on the link below.  **The MWS rules for borrowing books is also found there.**<http://www.mowinemakers.org/library.html#_Toc84355471>

We are in the process of updating the books and files we have.  If you are interested in borrowing a book please let me know and I will be happy to bring it to our next meeting.