**The Missouri Winemaking Society Newsletter for May, 2016**
Next Meeting:      Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 11:15 a.m.
Meeting Place:     Wild Sun Winery, 4830 Pioneer Rd, Hillsboro,
                              MO 63050
MWS Website:     www.mowinemakers.org
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**Program:**
 The weather has been absolutely beautiful this Spring (at least it has been where I live), and what better way to celebrate it than to go on our annual Spring Winery Tour and Picnic?  This year it is going to be at Wild Sun Winery in Hillsboro.  This is still a relatively new winery, and one of the owners - and the head winemaker, is Mark Baehmann, who was previously the winemaker at Chaumette, and before that at Mount Pleasant.  I’m sure many of us remember Mark speaking to our group a few years ago, and he has a wealth of knowledge.

The planned schedule is as follows:
 11:15      Begin to gather

11:30      Tour of Winemaking Facility (no vineyards)
12:00      Group tasting of Wild Sun Wines (the club will pay the tasting fee for members, but there will be a $5
               fee for non-members).
12:30      Pot Luck Picnic Lunch (we will buy some wines and also buy some flat bread pizza to share)
1:30        Event ends for the group, but feel free to hang around and enjoy the afternoon there.

So get out you calendar, whether it’s electronic or old school, and set aside Saturday, May 14 so you will be sure to attend.  This is also a wonderful opportunity to invite family or friends that you think might be interested in joining the MWS.  Just a thought…

I’ve included a link to an article on Wild Sun Winery from a previous issue of Sauce Magazine in case you’d like to learn more about them.  [http://www.saucemagazine.com/blog/?tag=wild-sun-winery](http://www.saucemagazine.com/blog/?tag=wild-sun-winery" \t "_blank)

As always, we want to be courteous guests, so be sure to plan to purchase your wine for the meal from our hosts.

For directions to Wild Sun, click the link immediately below, click on ‘Directions’ in the upper left of the screen, then enter your address in the box immediately to the right of the green letter “A”, and click “Go”.

**Future Meetings:**  We will return to St Gerard Majella Church in beautiful Kirkwood for the June meeting to kick-off the inaugural “Favorite White Wine” competition.  It is open to all Society Members (i.e., paid-up members).  Further information will be coming on how it is going to be run, but basically each member can bring one white wine for tasting.  We will taste all of the wines, and then we will vote for which wine is our favorite.  It will purely be a popularity contest with one overall winner, regardless of varietal.  You can think of it as “a beauty contest limited to blonds” if you’re still struggling with the concept.  There will also be discussion on how each of the entered wines was made.

You will find the MWS 2016 Calendar of Events attached.  As always, this is still somewhat tentative and therefore subject to change, but you can see what is in store for the coming year.