



# MISSOURI WINEMAKING SOCIETY

## OCTOBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

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**PICNIC at PHIL & DEBBI RAHN'S HOME, SAT, OCT 15TH, 12 NOON:**

Pulled Pork Sandwiches will be furnished by MWS & prepared by Phil. Please bring a side dish or desert and a beverage of choice. All activities will be held outside on the patio, weather permitting. A couple of other activities will be featured: 1) Two member-attendees will each win a door prize. Your choice of a glass carboy in various capacities. Get your ticket upon arrival. (Phil is donating these). 2) "Best picnic wine" competition. Bring your best homemade, we'll wrap it in paper, and members will blind taste and vote. Winner will be famous.

**OFFICER NOMINATION FOR 2023:** The nominating committee will present the following slate of officer candidates for members to approve at the November meeting. President: Dan Peters, Vice President: Steve Brunkhorst, Secretary: Lisa Nordmann, Treasurer: Dave Wert, & Cellar Master: Anne Cath.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:** A big shout out to St. James Winery. Andrew Meggitt, Head Winemaker and Joe Boyd, Customer Wine Services Manager for selling us the most wonderful juices this year. Ten members from MWS and two members from Missouri Valley Wine Society purchased 292 gallons of eight different varietals. Data sheets were provided for us on what was already put in the juice, which was helpful in the winemaking process. The juices received this year were excellent. Andrew also allowed us to purchase different varietals at the over 55-gallon price that many of us would not have purchased because of the price point. Hopefully, we will be able to continue our great relationship with St. James. They are the best! Cheers! Lisa

**MWS WINEMAKERS BRING HOME AWARDS:**

Greg Stricker received the Best of Show award at the Colorado State Fair for his 2019 Norton.  
Congratulations Greg!



**2022 MEETING SCHEDULE.** Please mark your calendar for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7PM and note exceptions in October, and December.

October 15 • 12 Noon - Annual Picnic – at Phil & Debbie Rahn's home  
November 17 • 7:00 PM • Members Handcrafted Favorite Red Wine Fest  
December 17 • Annual Christmas Party • at Lisa & John Nordmann's home

**SEPTEMBER MEETING RECAP:** Lisa Nordmann started the evening off with a short program on Kit Winemaking. She then introduced three Sauvignon Blancs from three different manufactures. One was a low-end kit from WineExpert, and

two mid-levels kits from Finer Wine Kit and Cru Select. It was fun to see the difference between the three different manufacturers.

Attendees then tasted a wide selection of kit wines in one of the most enjoyable meetings of the year. We tasted white kits, red kits, young kits, mature kits, and kits blended with other wines and fruits. It was also interesting to see how adding 25% of Steve's WineExpert Syrah to his 2021 Chambourcin and Lisa's Finer Wine Kit Syrah to her 2021 Norton that improved their wines.

Thanks to Steve Brunkhorst, Anne Cath, Cris Hehner, John Merkel, Lisa Nordmann, Dan Peters, Brian Prunty, Terry Stromberg and Dave Wert for sharing their wines.

**COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOL:** We ask members to follow these common-sense measures when planning to attend our in-person meetings:

- 1) Recent STL County Protocol: If you are Positive for Covid, "You should isolate at home. If you have NO symptoms or your symptoms are resolved after 5 days, you may leave your house but must wear a mask while around others for the next 5 days." MWS: If you are in the mask wearing period, please don't attend the in-person meeting because you would need to remove your mask to taste wine which violates the STLCO protocol.
- 2) If you are experiencing covid or cold symptoms in the days leading up to our meeting, please do not attend. Even if your cold-virus is not covid, we still prefer you keep it to yourself.
- 3) If you have been in direct contact with someone who has covid in the days leading up to our meeting, please either do not attend or use a Rapid Antigen Test to confirm your personal status is Negative.

**ODDS & ENDS:** This section is for member submissions. Share information on wine making or wine making equipment.

