**The Missouri Winemaking Society Newsletter for September, 2016**
Next Meeting:      Thursday, September 15 2016 at 7:30 p.m.
Meeting Place:     St Gerard Majella Church,1971 Dougherty FerryRd, St Louis, MO 63122
MWS Website:     www.mowinemakers.org
Submitted by:       Steve Kintz

 The August “Taste Of Missouri” meeting was very enjoyable.  We not only had some great wines to taste, but we had several guests (two became new members) and lots of great conversation.  Steve Brunkhorst did a great job selecting the wines for us to try, and he had some interesting information on the wines we tasted, and some accompanying pictures for the wineries.  It really was an excellent presentation, and you will find the electronic part of it posted on the website (details below).  The liquid part of the presentation isn’t available on the website, and if you failed to attend the meeting, the fact that you will now have to spend many hours in your car to recreate it is the appropriate consequence to your negligence…

I also need to mention that it is the time of year for electing new MWS officers.  Most of the positions have reached their term limits and we’ll need new people to step into the various roles.  If you are interested please contact David Wert (dwert@mii.com) or John Merkle (jmerklewines@aol.com).

**Program:**  Our meeting for this month features a guest speaker.  Brandon Dixon is the winemaker at Noboleis Vineyards and Winery, and the creator of the CV Riley Award winner for the Best Norton in the recently completed 2016 Missouri Wine Competition.  Here is a link to the Noboleis website in case anyone is interested in checking it out. <http://noboleisvineyards.com>

**Future Meetings:**  In October the meeting will focus on “tools of the trade”, or in previous years it might have been called “gizmos and gadgets”.  The intent is for everyone to bring tools or gadgets they have either bought or made that you have found to make winemaking easier or more enjoyable.  Sometimes relatively simple things can prove to be very helpful and can make winemaking easier.  So bring lots of your stuff so I can benefit from what you’ve discovered.

**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, and Steve Brunkhorst will gladly sign you up in either case.