**The Missouri Winemaking Society Newsletter for April 2019**

**Next Meeting**:  Total Wine – Town and Country location

                                                13887 Manchester Road, Ballwin, MO  63011

Date :  Thursday April 18

Time :  **6:00 p.m.**

 Cost :   $20 per person

***President’s Message: Phil Rahn***

Happy Spring!  Finally warm weather is hear  -  looking forward to seeing you at Total Wine!

***March Meeting***

It was reported that we have $4,214 in the bank and have 26 paid members.

We welcomed New Member Peter Dumitru who has been making wine for 4 years and who shared his Norton/Concord/ Catawba blend.  Thank you Peter.

For those working on Vignoles – our Vignoles project will be shared at our January 2020 meeting.

We enjoyed a presentation by Danny Fifolia from Wine Merchant comparing the influence of conditions such as climate and soil on grapes and thus wine.

 Wines Tasted:

 Greg Stricker’s Traminette

 Adam Puchta Traminette

 Albert Mann Gewurztraminer – Alsace

 Umathum Traminer – Austria

 Lefas Bourgogne Les Grandes Carelles – Burgundy

 Ojai Pinot Noir – Ojai CA

 Maysara Jamshead – Momtazi vineyard – Pinot Noir – Oregon

 J.L Chave Crozes Hermitage – Syrah – N. Rhone

 Forth Syrah – La Rousse Vineyard – Dry Creek Sonoma

***Looking Ahead:***

 April 18th  -  Tasting at Total Wine -

 May 11th  -  Picnic at Lost Creek Winery

 June 20th – Favorite White Wine

***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 are 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.

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