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

**Next Meeting:  Thursday November 21st         7:00 P.M.**

**Location:**St.Gerard Majella Church - 1971 Dougherty Ferry Rd  - St Louis, MO 63122

**Theme**  :   Favorite Red  -  bring your favorite red wine to share.

 This is our last meeting of the year before our Holiday party at Phil’s house.

 As we near the end of the year please be thinking of:  1)  suggestions for a topic you would think would be good for next year; 2) a place to visit, or 3) whether you would be willing to present on a topic and let us know.

 **October Meeting:**

Thank you for Lisa passing on that :  Our October meeting was a very informative evening learning about the Vignoles Grape. We had 7 members join in the Vignoles Project. Lisa Nordmann led the discussion accompanied by Phil Rahn, Judy Hon, Cris Henner, Greg Stricker, Bob Streubing and Steve Brunkhorst. It was interesting to see how each winemaker used different techniques to achieve a fine wine. Thank you to all the participants. This project was a great learning experience

Congratulations to our MWS members that entered and medaled in the American Wine Society Amateur Wine Competition.

 **Steve Brunkhorst**

2018 Chardonnay - Silver

2018 Chardonel D47 - Bronze

2018 Chardonel with 5% Vignoles – Bronze

 **Phil Rahn**

2017 Eclisse di Sole - Gold

2016 Nightshade- Silver

2015 Little Dream – Silver

**Greg Stricker**

2018 Semillon Blend - Silver

 2018 Viognier - Silver

 2017 Corot Noir #2 - Bronze

 2018 Vignoles - Bronze

 2018 Vignoles/Vidal Blend - Bronze

 **Reminder:**

 On our website, [www.missouriwinemkaers.org](http://www.missouriwinemkaers.org/), we have a special section for our featured members.  Please take the time and go to the site to read about our newest featured members, Phil Lungo and Terry Stromberg.  A big thank you to both Phil and Terry for sharing their winemaking adventures.”

Thanks,

Lisa

**President's message** **from Phil Rahn**

Here is the news that is news. Better Homes and Gardens reports on the 10 most popular wines in America, and here they are.

1. White zinfandel

2. Moscato

3. Merlot

4. Cabernet Sauvignon

5. Chardonnay

6. Riesling

7. Pinot Noir, and Zin

8. Pinot Grigo/Gris

9. Sauvignon blanc

10. A red blend.

It's hard to believe that White zin is still the most favorite in the nation; but you know what, not around here! And to prove it our club members are going to choose their favorite red at our next meeting, and I will wager that it will not be the top two in this list. It is really great that we can make our own wine and gab about it with each other, at least once a month.

Cheers!

December -  Holiday party at Phil Rahn’s  -  12/14.

 ***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.

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

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