

APRIL MEETING

We all met at Stonehill Winery along with American Wine Society. Shaun Turnbull, head winemaker, gave us an overview of Missouri Winemaking and Stone Hill Winery as we gathered outside, on the hilltop overlooking the cellars and the town, on a picture-perfect day. We not only toured the cellars but enjoyed a barrel tasting of two Norton's almost ready for bottling. Shaun covered the spectrum of grape growing and wine making from vine trellising systems to protein and tartaric stabilization. Our amateur winemakers and other wine enthusiasts loved every word.

We then had an opportunity to taste a spectrum of Stone Hill wines in the tasting room, many were favorites, others were surprising (concord nouveau I think), all were delicious! Thanks also to Noah who was very effective in keeping this large group moving.

The organization in the restaurant was amazing. It was genius to have name tags with our orders on the table. It helped the entire meal process flow so smoothly from beginning to end and allowed us to enjoy the delicious food without the confusion and delay that so often is part of a large group meal.

All 35 of our registered attendees actually made the event with 34 enjoying lunch. There are typically a few last minute drop outs but not on this day. Our members were very excited to visit.

Submitted my Steve Brunkhorst

























