**August Missouri Wine Society Newsletter**

 Hello Missouri Wine Society Members:

We will be hosting a Zoom meeting August 20, at 7:00 P.M. with Brandon Dixon, winemaker at Noboleis Vineyards.  More details below.

July Meeting  -  Treasurer reported $2,845 in the bank; with 24 paid members.

 We had a very informative discussion re availability of grapes for this upcoming season.  We also shared some personal experiences when things went awry in our winemaking.   Some stories provided laughter and others warning re things to avoid or to fix early.

Lisa sent out a list of names and contact information of people with grapes available this fall.  In addition she passes along the following:

**From Jacob Schneider:**

 "A winery that buys Chambourcin and Norton is scaling back this fall so we will have some fruit available.

St Vincent, Norton, Chambourcin $.85/# or crusher available for $1/#. Discounts on larger amounts. If the club wants to get together and make a bulk purchase, we can work out a friendly price also.”

**From Lisa Nordmann**

 “I have purchased the over 55 gallon price of Vignoles from St. James Winery.  The difference in price is $9.50 per gallon for 55 gallons or more or $17.50 a gallon for less than 55 gallons.  Would anyone be interested in going in on the 55 gallons with me?”

 August Meeting   -  Noboleis: Join us for a Joint Zoom meeting with members of AWS on Thursday 8/17 at 7 P.M.  Pick up a bottle of Noboleis to enjoy during the meeting.  Steve pulled the attached Noboleis wine list and put together the following promo:

**ZOOM Event with Winemaker Brandon Dixon of Noboleis Vineyards**

 Brandon Dixon, winemaker at Noboleis Winery in Augusta Missouri will meet with us via**ZOOM at 7PM on Thursday, August 20th, 2020.** This is a joint meeting with the American Wine Society-St Louis Chapter. Brandon will discuss Noboleis wine styles, wine making & aging and the wine in our glass. He will also tell us what is going on at the winery and plans for the 2020 vintage, as well as answer your questions. The event will last about an hour.

Members can purchase a bottle or two of Noboleis wine of their choice from a retail store or the winery prior to the meeting. The winery tasting room is open for wine purchase and Noboleis can also ship wines to your home. Please visit <https://www.noboleisvineyards.com/>  to see the wide variety of available wines.  There are11 dry white and reds, a Rose’ sparkler, a red & white Port, and a desert ice-wine on their website.  There are many off-dry and sweet wines also available. A small road trip down beautiful MO-94 to buy a delicious wine can be a nice break from sheltering at home.  You can find some Noboleis wines at Lukas (now Dogwood) and Total Wine in St. Louis County. The variety is greater however at the winery.

 September Meeting

We will host another joint Zoom meeting with Bommarito Wines on 9/17.  We will have the opportunity to enjoy a wine sampler, will learn about the 3 tier wine distribution system that is enforced in Missouri and hear about Bommarito Wines.  More details to follow.

 ***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/)

 **Daniel S. Peters**