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

**Next Meeting:  Holiday Party is this Saturday, December 14, 6:00 P.M At Phil and Debbie Rahn’s House**

 **November Meeting:**

Our November meeting was Favorite Red Wine night.  By my count we tasted 9 red wines.  We thank everyone for contributing.

More details below, but first :

 We welcomed 2 guests Brian Prunty and Anne Cath.

 Treasurer reported $2,630.92 in the bank and 29 paid members.

 The panel of officers proposed at the November meeting passed unanimously with all votes in favor.

 As to the Red Wine tasting :

**First Place** went to Lisa Nordman for her red blend.  Lisa may have disproved some notions as she shared with us that the wine was Chambourcin left over from her Rose’ mixed with Cabernet Sauvignon from a kit.  Congratulations Lisa!

**Second Place** was a tie between Steve and Maggie Brunkhorst’s Norton and Phil Rahn’s Barberra (80% Barberra, 20% Cab Sauv) which also won a Gold Medal at an American Wine Society competition.

 **Third Place** depends on how you calculate but we have this also as a tie between John Merkle’s 2014 blend of Petite Syrah (80%) and Petite Verdot (20%) and Terry Stromberg’s 2017 Chambourcin.

 **Upcoming:**

December 14 -  Holiday party at Phil and Debbie Rahn’s

 January 16 -  Missouri Gold Medal Wine Tasting

 ***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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