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MWS 2022

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY WILL BE ON SATURDAY DECEMBER 17TH.

John & Lisa Nordmann will host this end-of-year “Pot-Luck” dinner at their home, beginning at 6PM. 121 PARK LAWN ESTATES, FENTON MO 63026, John Nordmann Cell 314-952-4471

- Members and spouses are invited
- Pot-luck dinner format: please bring your choice of food to share
- Please bring home-crafted or commercial wine to share, some sparkling wine will make a nice start.
- Optional Wine Exchange: bring a bottle of wine in a package that does not disclose the wine. Each member who brings a bottle can select a bottle to take home from the group of bottles. If you have a home-made-wine you are proud to share, please bring that. If not, and you want to participate, bring a bottle of commercial wine

you like.



OFFICERS FOR 2023: Congratulation to our newly elected officers for 2023.

President: Dan Peters, Vice President: Steve Brunkhorst, Secretary: Lisa Nordmann, Treasurer: Dave Wert, & Cellar Master: Anne Cath.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE: This December newsletter brings an end to my reign as President of MWS. I can’t tell you enough what an honor this has been. Yes, the president gets up and directs all the meetings but the most important person at the meeting, is you.

You are important because you make up our group. Your knowledge is priceless that you share with everyone. Questions that are asked and answered are so very important to all of us. We all learn from one another. Attendance at our meeting is so important because this is where the bulk of sharing occurs. And most importantly this is where our relationships become friendships.

Friendships that we have formed are priceless. Not only do we become friends with our fellow winemakers, but we also get to know the spouses that attend our meetings, picnics, winery tours and Christmas Parties. It has been so much fun to get to know the spouses and see how supportive you are of your overzealous winemaking partner. But more importantly we get to know you and what your interests are.

It has been a great two years. Thank you to all for your support, encouragement, and most of all, your friendship. I gladly now pass the reigns on to our newly elected President, Dan Peters! Dan, with all your wine knowledge, friendliness and willingness to share - I know you will make a wonderful MWS President. Cheers! Lisa

MWS WINEMAKERS BRING HOME AWARDS: The American Wine Society Amateur Wine Competition was conducted on November 26th and 27th in Bellevue Washington. 108 winemakers submitted 455 entries and won a total of 13 Double Gold, 21 Gold, 127 Silver and 189 Bronze medals. **Lisa Nordmann won special awards for Best Rose’ for her 2021 Chambourcin Rose’ and Best Hybrid for her 2021 Vignoles! WOW!!** Congratulations to Steve, Lisa & Greg for all the bronze, silver and gold medals shown below:

Best Rosé:	Lisa Nordman	Fenton, MO	2021 Chambourcin Rosé	
Stephen Brunkhorst	Chesterfield, MO	2021	CHARDONEL-SEYVAL-VIGNOLES BLEND	Silver
		2021	CHAMBOURCIN ROSE	Silver
		2019	NORTON PORT STYLE	Bronze
Lisa Nordmann	Fenton, MO	2021	Chambourcin Rose'	Double Gold
		2021	Vignoles	Gold
		2021	Norton	Bronze

Greg Stricker	St. Charles, MO	2021	Viognier	Double Gold
		2021	Chardonel Bin 1	Silver
		2019	Chambourcin Bin 1	Silver
		2018	Norton Port	Bronze
		2021	Traminette Bin 1	Bronze
		2021	Seyval	Bronze
		2019	Norton Bin 1	Bronze
		2018	Norton Bin 9	Bronze
		2020	Chambourcin Bin 1	Bronze

NOVEMBER MEETING RECAP: Greg Stricker started the evening off with a bottle of Beaujolais, celebrating Beaujolais Nouveau Day. Thanks to Greg for bringing this bottle of delicious wine.

Our November meeting was the Favorite Home-Crafted Red Wine contest with 10 members entering a wine into this blind tasting. Congratulations to Cris Hehner for winning Favorite red with his 2020 Late Harvest Chambourcin. Lisa Nordmann came in second with her 2020 Norton. 3rd place went to Phil Rahn with his Petite Syrah.

2023 MEETING SCHEDULE. Please mark your calendar for the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7PM. The 2023 schedule will be published following the officer's meeting in January.

December 17 • Annual Christmas Party • at Lisa & John Nordmann's home

January 19 • Missouri Gold Medal Wine • at St. Gerard Majella Church

COVID MEASURES END however common sense continues. If you are not feeling well at the time of our year end Christmas party, please join us when you are feeling better at the January meeting. There continues to be RSV, Cold Virus, Flu, as well as some Covid in circulation and no one wants this type of gift exchange during the holiday season.

ODDS & ENDS: This section is for member submissions. Share information on wine making or wine making equipment.

Chis Hehner writes: "I have been frustrated by ending up with not enough wine to fill a 3-gallon carboy, so I end up using 1 and 1/2 gallon jugs. I found a heavy duty 2.2-gallon jar with inlet that fits a 6.5 stopper for the seal. My big brush I use for 1-gallon jugs reaches the bottom for cleaning. Good option for less than 3-gallon wine volumes. You can find at Chesterfield World Market in Chesterfield Valley. The 2.2-gallon jars can be found in the right corner of store immediately as you enter. Price \$24.99."



