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

**Next Meeting:  This Thursday, February 20, 7:00 P.M**

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

 **Theme** :   Old Wines  -  this is the  time to dig into our cellars and bring our oldest wine.  We ask that the wine be at least 3 years old.  We look forward to experiencing the different characteristics brought on by time.

 **January Meeting:**

Our January Meeting was our Missouri Gold Medal Wine night. Our hosts/ presenters for the evening – Mike and Mary Kalish did a fantastic job presenting 9 Gold Medal wines including: 1) Montelle 2018 Seyval Blanc; 2) Noboleis 2017 Dry Vignoles; 3) Montelle 2019 Chardonel; 4) Stone Hill 2017 Chambourcin; 5) Stone Hill 2015 Chambourcin; 6) Stone Hill 2017 Norton; 7) Augusta Winery 2016 Norton; 8) Adam Puchta NV Port; and 9) Augusta Winery 2015 Vintage Port.

Thank you to Mike and Mary, ( and I think to Steve who helped pick up some of the wines )  !!!

 We welcomed new members – Brian and Teresa Prunty and Ann Cath!

 Our Treasurer reported funds in the bank of $2,525.  We had 29 members as of end of the year 2019 and 21 members had paid as of 1/16/20.

Dave Anderson gave us a preview of our March meeting and our guest speaker Mike Ward of Syncopation Wine.

 We recognized Greg Stricker’s receipt of a Gold Medal for his Vignoles at the LA wine competition.

 Motion was made, seconded and passed, to donate $500 to St. Gerard as a thank you for our use of their facilities.

 **Upcoming:**

March 19 -  Guest Speaker, Mike Ward, Syncopation Wine at St. Gerard.

 April 16 -  Tour, talk, and tasting at Bommarito Wines; 2827 S. Brentwood, 63144.

 May 21 - Favorite White Wine Contest at St. Gerard.

 ***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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