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

**Next Meeting**:  Thursday June 20th

Location:    St.Gerard Majella Church

1971 Dougherty Ferry Rd

St Louis, MO 63122

Theme:        Favorite White Wine

 **May Meeting** :   We enjoyed a fantastic tour of Lost Creek Vineyard and enjoyed a bountiful wine picnic outside but under cover.  Larry Frichtel, proprietor, guided us through his winery.  He provided detailed identification of his equipment, description of his vineyards and grapes, and explanation of his strategies, desired outcomes, etc.  Larry really provided us with a wealth of information on the entire process from soil to glass.  Then do to the generosity of many we shared wine and food outside under the canopy.  Yes, it was raining, but it was very enjoyable nonetheless.

 **President’s Message: Phil Rahn**

Here it is June already, and rain again, summer is on a wet start. I wonder how all your vines are doing with all this wet weather. Maybe we will get reports at the next meeting. There will also be great news about all the wine contest winners that we have had during the last couple of months. The June meeting will feature the “Favorite White” wine tasting, so that will be a great program we will not want to miss. I will also ask if anyone has an idea for a wine making project, which will be tasted next year. Remember we have the Merlot tasting in September, and the Vignoles project tasting in January. See you at the next meeting.

Phil Rahn

**Wine Competitions**:  Greg Stricker generously provide the attached list of amateur wine competitions.   Maybe we can ask Greg and Lisa to introduce the list at our June Meeting.Special note that the deadline for the Illinois State Fair Wine Competition is tomorrow June 10.

 **Awards**:  Speaking of Competitions – Let’s recognize some fantastic accomplishments!

The results for Winemaker Magazine amateur winemaking contest are in.

Congratulations to Steve Brunkhorst, Lisa Nordmann, Tony Turek and Greg Stricker!

 *Red Native American Varietal* **:**

**Bronze**

Greg Stricker – 80% Norton 20% Corot Noir - 2017

Tony Turek – 100% Estate Norton 2017

 *White French-American Hybrid Varietal* :

**Silver**

Lisa Nordmann 100% Chardonel – 2018

Tony Turek – 100% Chardonel – 2018

**Bronze**

Steve Brunkhorst 100% Chardonel - 2018

 *Red French-American Hybrid* **:**

**Gold**

Greg Stricker – 80% Corot Noir 20% Chambourcin – 2017

**Silver**

Greg Stricker – 75% Chambourcin 25% Norton – 2016

 *Red French-American Blend***:**

**Gold**

Lisa Nordmann – 50% Chambourcin 50% Norton – 2017

 *Blush/Rose’ French American Hybrid* :

**Silver**

Steve Brunkhorst – 100% Chambourcin – 2018

 *Other White Vinefera Varietals*:

**Bronze**

Greg Stricker – 100% South African Semillion - 2018

 **Looking Ahead*:***

 Special Note  :   Due to some schedule conflicts with St. Gerard we will be changing dates or location of a couple of our upcoming meetings.  We will send out special announcements so keep an eye out for emails.

 July 18th -  Wine Making Methods – Red Wine

 August Meeting  -  summer picnic at Dave and Debbie Wert’s home.

 September  Meeting -  Merlot project

 ***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/)

 Submitted by: Dan Peters