**The Missouri Winemaking Society Newsletter for November, 2017**

Next Meeting:  Favorite Red Wine Contest

Meeting Place: St.Gerard Majella Church

1971 Dougherty Ferry Rd

St Louis, MO 63122

Time November 16 at 7:30

MWS Website: [www.mowinemakers.org](http://www.mowinemakers.org/)

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***November’s Program***

**Favorite Red Wine Contest**

Members only can enter 1 red wine. Please bring 2 bottles to share and check it in with John Merkle with your wine information. Everyone will taste the wines and vote for your very favorite red wine. Just to be clear, it won’t be a favorite Chambourcin or a favorite Norton or a favorite red varietal. It will just be the favorite wine of all the entries. For all those entering a wine; please be prepared to discuss how you made it so the rest of us can pick up pointers to improve the overall quality of our wine.

***October’s Program***

Thank you to Dave Anderson for presenting "Sparkling Wine" making and sharing your sparkling wine at our October meeting this past Thursday.  We very much enjoyed the "hands-on" demonstration format you used to explain the process, it provided a very memorable image of the equipment you employ in the process.  I've now had an opportunity to look at the information packet you handed out at the end of the meeting, it is very well done.  I'll follow up with Lisa and John to make sure its posted on our MWS web page.  Sharing of wine making knowledge and skills is a core strength of our society, your presentation and the information packet you prepared helps us build our strength.

***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***: The election of officers for 2018 will be held at our November meeting. A slate of candidates has been prepared as follows: President-Steve Brunkhorst, Vice President-Phil Rahn, Secretary-Lisa Nordmann, Treasurer-David Wert, Cellar Master-John Merkle.  You may recognize the proposed officers for 2018 are identical to 2017. Looking back at the past five years, it is has been very common for officers to serve two consecutive terms. While this is not required by our by-laws, it is more typical than atypical.

For your information our bylaws state:  "The elected officers shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and a Cellar Master. These officers shall constitute the Executive Committee. Executive Committee meetings shall have at least 3 committee members present to constitute a quorum. The Executive Committee shall: a) provide goals and direction for the club. b) set financial guidelines, c) establish and arrange meeting programs, and d) control and maintain club purchases."  "Normal term of office shall be for one fiscal year. No officer shall be eligible for more than two consecutive terms in the same office".

***Society Dues:***

The yearly fee, per person, will be $50 ($25 after June), with no additional meeting fee (or tasting fee, if you prefer) – this is a savings over the course of the year if you attend all the meetings (and you should).  But if you do not want to pay the full $50, you can pay just $25 for a full year’s membership, but then you will need to pay a $5 per meeting “tasting” fee at each meeting you attend.  So it’s your choice to determine which way works best for you. Please pay by check but cash is also accepted.

***Missouri Winemaking Society Facebook Page***

Our MWS Facebook Page is up and running. For all of you Facebook users, log into Facebook and search for Missouri Winemaking Society. If you have not joined please do so.  I am hoping that every Facebook user will join this group.   It is a great way for our members to share with what they are doing in their vineyard and wine cellars.  Also, if you have any files you would like to share with the group please post them. **This is a closed group just for MWS members.**

***Wine Making Tips:***

Don’t forget, there is lots of useful materials and information 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.  Be sure to check these materials out; they are chock full of knowledge and wisdom – you are sure to glean many gems.

There are many useful publications in the Missouri Winemaking Society Library – be sure to check out the books, papers, past presentations, and articles available in the Library by clicking on the link below.  **The MWS rules for borrowing books is also found there.**<http://www.mowinemakers.org/library.html#_Toc84355471>

We are in the process of updating the books and files we have.  If you are interested in borrowing a book please let me know and I will be happy to bring it to our next meeting.