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

**Next Meeting**:  Picnic Saturday, May 11th.

 Location: Lost Creek Vineyard 21356 Gore Rd, Marthasville, MO  63357

   Lost Creek is located a few minutes east of Herman MO Start time:  11:15

We will enjoy a tour, wine tasting and a picnic.  Please bring a dish to share.

  Link to Lost Creek: [http://lostcreekvineyardmo.com](http://lostcreekvineyardmo.com/)

 ***President’s Message: Phil Rahn***

Hey, here is a challenge I’ll throw out for someone to grab hold of. The club needs a new “home wine project”; we have had the chardonnay from juice, a merlot from fresh grapes, and Lisa’s Missouri vignoles project. These projects are a great way to test our wine making wits, and add a little competitive spirit.  Would you like to lead a new wine making project? It would be great if it were something “different” from what is common in the area, like Norton. May I suggest that it be a grape wine in order to get more people to make it. Maybe a rose, maybe another local white, how about a red blend (no rules on grapes?) or maybe a GSM from fresh or frozen grapes. We could start the project in September/October with the 2019 vintage; so, we would introduce the project at the July meeting. Think about it, and we will bring it up at the June meeting. Have a great May.

 Phil Rahn

***April Meeting***

We enjoyed a great evening at Total Wine learning about and tasting wines from Oregon and Washington.  We also shared a lot of good food!

Oregon has 2 primary AVAs located solely within its borders, Willamette Valley and Southern Oregon AVAs with numerous sub AVAs located within those AVAs.  Oregon also shares Columbia Gorge, Walla Walla and Columbia Valley along its Northern border. The largest varietals produced in Oregon are Pinot Noir and Pinot Gris but there is rapid development of new wineries in Oregon with production of other varietals such as Chardonnay, Riesling and others increasing.

Washington has 14 AVAs with the largest being Columbia Valley with most of the others located within Columbia Valley including Horse Heaven Hills, Red Mountain, Yakima Valley and Walla Walla Valley.   Washington produces Chardonnay and Riesling  as well as smaller quantities of several other white wines including Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Gris.

***Looking Ahead:***

 May 11th  -  Picnic at Lost Creek Winery

 June 20th – Favorite White Wine

 July 18th -  Wine Making Methods – Red Wine

 August 17th 12:00-4:00 -  summer picnic at Dave and Debbie Wert’s home.

 ***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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