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

**Next Meeting**:  **WEDNESDAY  SEPTEMBER 18TH**

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

 Theme  :   Merlot project led by Phil Rahn.  We look forward to learning new insights re Merlot and tasting member made and commercial Merlots.

 August Picnic was at Dave Wert’s and enjoyed by many.  Thank you Dave for hosting!

 **President’s Message: Phil Rahn**

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**Looking Ahead*:***

 September  Meeting -  Wednesday 9/18  -  Merlot project.

 October    -  Thursday 10/17  -  Vignoles Project

 November -   Thursday 11/21  -   Favorite Red

 December -  Holiday party at Phil Rahn’s  -  12/14.

 ***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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