

# Missouri Wine & Grape Board Newsletter

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## Missouri Wines Keep Up the Gold Work

The 2010 wine competition season is in full swing and Missouri wineries are bringing home lots of precious metal - Platinum, Gold and Silver.

Here's a sample of award winners:

At the Grand Harvest Awards in California, Stone Hill Winery won Gold for their 2009 Traminette. St. James Winery earned Gold for both their Riesling and 2008 Cynthiana.

At the San Diego International Wine Competition, St. James Winery's 2008 Vintner's Select Vignoles was honored with a Platinum award while Stone Hill Winery's 2009 Vignoles took Gold.

In Monterey, California, St. James Winery's 2008

## → Spring into Missouri Wine Country

Spring is here and it's the perfect time to get out and visit one of Missouri's 96, yes, 96 wineries. There's a lot of great scenery and nearly 100 great wineries to explore!

Five of the newest members of the Missouri wine family include:

[Fusion Wines](#), Sedgewickville (90 miles south of St. Louis)

Jacob's Vineyard, Kirksville

[Ozark Creek Winery](#), Ozark

[Hunter Valley Winery](#), Cape Girardeau

[Van Till Farms Winery](#), Rayville (northeast of Kansas City)

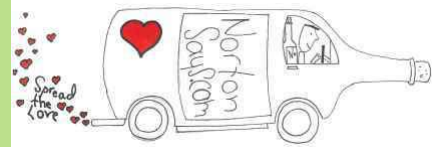
To help plan your spring winery trip, visit the Trip Planner at NortonSays.com: <http://www.nortonsays.com/Trip.aspx>

For information on all of Missouri's wineries head to the wineries page at MissouriWine.org:

<http://www.missouriwine.org/wineries/default.htm>

## → Norton Road Trip: Spread the Love

Norton is taking a little spring break road trip. That's right - he is packing up and heading out of state (but only for a week). Want to join him? Since Norton is so social he will be documenting his trip on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. Norton hits the road Sunday, April 11th. Find out where he is going, who he'll meet and how he plans to spread the Norton love.



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Cynthiana earned a Platinum award.

For a complete list of Missouri award winners check out the Trophy Case on

[www.Missouriwine.org](http://www.Missouriwine.org)

## → Site-See

Check out these Missouri wine blogs for all the latest on what's happening in the world of MO wine:

[Missouri Wine Girl](#)

[A Day in the Life of a Missouri Winery](#)

[Cave Vineyard](#)

[Jowler Creek Vineyard & Winery](#)

[OOVVDA Winery](#)

[PeacefulKT's Pursuits](#)

[The Bend Blog](#)

[Amigoni Vineyards](#)



## Missouri Wine Grapevine

**Good Eats** - Treat yourself to six days of extraordinary cuisine and world-class wines at Inside Columbia Magazine's Wine & Food Festival, May 17 - 22. For a schedule of events and ticket info visit:

<http://www.columbiawinefest.com/home.html>

And while we're on the subject of food and wine in Columbia, don't miss the **Farm to Table Festival**, June 12 & 13, at the University Club on the campus of MU in Columbia. The culinary world meets the farmers market as national, regional and local chefs, farmers and experts come together to cook and celebrate local foods and wines. For more info visit: [www.F2Tuclubmissouri.com](http://www.F2Tuclubmissouri.com).

**Norton's got Glass** - Swirl and sip Norton in style with the Norton Riedel limited edition wine glasses, crafted by the renowned Riedel Crystal Company. To purchase a pair of these very special glasses (\$30 plus shipping/handling) go to [www.NortonSays.com/riedel](http://www.NortonSays.com/riedel) or call 1-800-392-9463 or visit one of the following wineries: Adam Puchta Winery in Hermann, St. James Winery in St. James, Les Bourgeois Winery and Vineyards in Rocheport, Augusta Winery in Augusta, Yellow Farmhouse Winery in Defiance, Stone Hill Winery in Hermann and Mount Pleasant Winery in Branson.

**Wine and Weight** - A new study following middle-aged women found those who occasionally drink alcohol gained less weight and were less likely to become obese than were non-drinkers. Doctors from the Harvard School of Public Health tracked weight gain and alcohol use in more than 19,000 middle-aged women and found that women who drank the equivalent of 1-2 glasses of wine per day were less likely to become overweight or obese than those who abstained from alcohol. Of course, experts do not recommend drinking alcohol as a weight-loss strategy.

**Great Grapes** - The latest grape facts are out, and Missouri's total vineyard acreage continues to grow. According to the latest survey, there are 1,600 bearing acres of grapevines in the Show-Me state with Norton leading the way, making up almost 20% of all grapes planted. Vingoles is the second most planted grape variety followed by ChardoneL.



## Hit the Trails!

**Jour de la Terre '10** - Celebrate Earth Day this spring on Ste. Genevieve's Route du Vin wine trail, April 17 & 18. Each of the six wineries along the trail will offer seasonal cuisine prepared with fresh spring herbs and paired with their signature wines. Take home a complimentary herb seedling from each winery to start your own herb garden!

NOTE: Construction is underway in the area. For detour directions visit:

[http://www.rdvwinetrail.com/pdf/RDV\\_DetourDirections.pdf](http://www.rdvwinetrail.com/pdf/RDV_DetourDirections.pdf)

[Rolling Meadow Vineyards](#)

[Little Hills Winery](#)

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[www.nortonsays.com](http://www.nortonsays.com)

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<https://secures7.brinkster.com/twinoaks/details.asp?id=12312008144378133>

Hermann Norton Wine Trail - Missouri's premier native grape variety takes center stage as vintners at seven wineries along the Hermann Wine Trail share their expertise and their finest red wines May 1 & 2. Ticket price includes a souvenir wine glass.

For tickets and more information visit:

<http://www.visithermann.com/sales/online-ticket-sales.php>

For more Missouri winery events visit:

<http://www.missouriwine.org/asp/EventCalendar.aspx>

