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## Vineyard Experts to Present How to Grow Grapes Workshop *And "Best of the Best" Missouri Wine Tasting to Benefit Platte County Fair*

Platte County fairgoers will have the opportunity to taste the "best of the best" of Missouri wines at a benefit wine tasting to be held from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. opening night of the fair, July 21, in the Platte Purchase Building on the fairgrounds. For \$15 participants will receive a souvenir wine glass and taste some of the best wines from top wineries throughout the state, as well as visit with their representatives. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Platte County Fair.

Wineries set to present wines at the event include: Pirtle Winery, Jowler Creek Winery, and Riverwood Winery – all of Platte County, Mo. Others participating from across the state are: Augusta Winery, Montelle Winery, St. James Winery, Adam Puchta Winery, Les Bourgeois Winery, Baltimore Bend Winery, Stonehaus Winery, Inland Sea and Amigoni Estate Urban Winery, Stone Hill Winery, and other fine Missouri wineries.

On July 24 from 10:00 a.m. to noon, in the Platte Purchase Building on the fairgrounds, the Platte County University of Missouri Extension Council will conduct an interactive workshop on the potentially most profitable methods of growing grapes in Platte County. The information shared in the workshop will be provided or presented by commercial vineyard managers and winemakers, University of Missouri Extension staff and others in the wine industry. Admission to the workshop is \$10.

Topics of the workshop will include: How to grow premium grapes, grapes that wineries are buying, vineyard practices that produce premium grapes, and where to find the materials, chemicals and equipment needed for successful grape growing.

Wines from Missouri will be showcased and sold by the glass from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. throughout the fair weekend.

For more information on the wine tasting or workshop contact Fred Whisman at (816) 455-1800, email [gmi1@swbell.net](mailto:gmi1@swbell.net) or Tom Stacey (816)746-0400 email, [tstacey@birch.net](mailto:tstacey@birch.net) .

The Platte County Fairgrounds are located off I-29 at exit 18 or 20 just north of KCI Airport. For more information and directions to the fair visit [www.plattecountyfair.com](http://www.plattecountyfair.com) or call (816) 431-FAIR.