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## January 6, 2006—

Wow! Fifty-six people for the Champagne extravaganza! Who'd've thought that many bodies could fit in the Blosverens' house? John Landon's presentation, as usual, was stunning. Of course, no one heard him after his announcement of the first bubbly. Interesting observation: In the opinion of most folks polled, the favorite sparkler was the least dry. A nimble-fingered Emily Johnston accompanied an enthusiastic caroling crowd in the basement "auditorium". Kudos and appreciative clapping and stomping of feet to the Blosverens for their hospitality.

The next wine tasting will be at the home of Barb and Bill Brown on Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. Walt Rachele, our resident Port expert—just ask him!—will be presenting "Anything but Porto". Expect a cost of \$25/person. Please call the Browns by January 11<sup>th</sup> if you would like to attend. Please bring a dish to share—some of us have been lax.

## Sparkling Wines

Order	Wine	Prices	Votes
1	Wolf Blass Sparkling Brut NV (Australia)	\$11	0
2	Robert Schlumberger Brut 2001 (Austria/Argentina: Catena grapes)	20	1
3	Gruet Rosé NV (New Mexico)	15	0
4	"J" Brut Rosé NV (Russian River Valley, California)	35	11
5	Nicolas Feuillatte Rosé NV (Épernay, France)	36	10
*6*	"J" Brut 1999	35	14
7	Deutz Brut Classic NV (Ay, France)	42	6
8	Nicolas Feuillatte Cuvée Speciale 1995	66	5

**CCAWS Dues are due!**—Your \$10 for CCAWS membership for 2006 is due. Please, pay John Landon at the tasting along with the tasting fee. I'm sure you don't want to be dropped from the mailing list! Your AWS membership dues of \$52 for 2006 are also due (Visit [www.americanwinesociety.org/Membership.aspx](http://www.americanwinesociety.org/Membership.aspx) for details).

**National Tasting Project**—Anyone interested in participating should call for particulars.

**AWS Educational Fund Baskets honoring the memory of Joe and Nattie Wood were awarded**—Thanks to all for the \$800 raised so far for the AWS Educational Fund, which provides scholarships for aspiring young oenologists.



**AWS T-shirts**—Emily Johnston will have the AWS-Logo T-shirts you ordered at the tasting. Bring money: men's T's, \$11; ladies' T's \$14.

Date	House	Wine Host	Topic
01/15	Brown	Rachele	Any but Porto
02/19	Grillon	Stewart	Wine for Lovers
03/19	Johnston	Johnston	???
04/16	Brown	Wilson	Rich or Pour?
05/21		Slick	???
06/18	Pardoe		
07/16	Grillon	Everyone	Annual Picnic
08/20			
09/10			
9/16,17	Farm Mus.	MWF	MWF
10/15		Parker	???
11/19	Evans		
12/10	Blosveren	Landon	Champagne



*"...another good resolution: Don't let wine critics make decisions for you in 2006. It's useful to listen to advice from a variety of sources, but the only palate that's important is your own. Trust it."*

—Dorothy J. Gaiter & John Brecher

See you at the Browns'...