



November 10, 2007

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The CCAWS November wine tasting will be at the home of Mary and Mike Evans on Sunday, November 18 at 2:00 pm.

Bill Eisberg, will present **"What's in a Bag?"**. Please call the Evanses by November 14th if you would like to attend—the earlier, the better, because space is limited. You could also e-mail the Evanses (headnurse@earthlink.net), but do it well **before** the 14th, please. Please do not forget to bring something for the table.

Other items of interest—

- **Condolences**—With sadness, we report the passing of Dean Wilson's mother.
- **Last month's Tasting**—Pennee's summary of her "Red Wine and Chocolate—Divine Pair or Beware?"—
 "I think the majority of comments were: (1) Everyone seemed to like the 56% and 71% chocolates best, the 85% was a bit over-powering for all the wines, making them taste "sour". Bitter tasting food was really not something any of the group liked with any wine. (2) The most popular wine–chocolate combinations were the fruit-forward wines, the Beaujolais warm up, Pinot Noir, Merlot and Zinfandel. The Petite Syrah got positive comments by some. The Cabernet Sauvignon had the least positive comments with all the combinations. It is still a very personal choice when choosing a red wine with a chocolate, alone or as a dessert. A few comments were made by some members that they knew now they would never have chocolate with red wine but would stick to the more traditional Banyuls or Port."
- **Maggie's Restaurant Wine Dinner**—Bill E. says Maggie's Restaurant at Washington Road and Green Street in Westminster is having a Wine Dinner this Tuesday, November 14 for only \$60 and there are plenty of seats left.
- **Check our web site (www.ccaws.net) for upcoming tastings.**
- **Don't forget your dues** of \$10 to CCAWS (Carroll County Chapter of the American Wine Society) **AND** your membership obligation (dues, \$57) to AWS (American Wine Society). Consider this a reminder that you **must** maintain membership in AWS (our parent organization) to remain a member of CCAWS. See www.AmericanWineSociety.org for details of on-line management of your AWS membership.
- **CCAWS Membership Cards**—By now, everyone who is a bona fide member of CCAWS, *viz.*, AWS membership + CCAWS dues paid (see previous bullet), should have received CCAWS membership cards. As stated in my note accompanying the cards, these are primarily for verifying to the few (currently 2) local liquor stores that offer a per-bottle discount on wine to CCAWS members. If you did not receive your card, your AWS membership information may not have been posted to the AWS web site yet—or, there could be a snafu at AWS. It *has* happened—right Barry?
- **Bill Eisberg said**—"If you missed the AWS convention this past week in Winston-Salem, NC, you missed the best one yet!"

See you at the Evanses' ...

...LeRoy