



November 27, 2007

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The CCAWS Annual December Champagne tasting will be at the home of Carmen and Richard Blossverren on Sunday, December 9 at 2:00 pm.

**John Landon (or surrogate)**, will present “**CCAWS Annual Champagne Tasting**”. Expect the cost to approach \$25/person. This is also a good time to renew your CCAWS membership (see below). Please call the Blossverens by December 5th if you would like to attend—**the earlier, the better, because space is limited!** Please do not forget to bring something for the table.

**Other items of interest—**

- **Last month’s Tasting**—The tag team of Bill Eisberg and Walt Rachele presented “**What’s in a Bag?**” to generally wide acclaim—well...genuine interest, anyway. As the tasting unfolded, it was revealed that one of each pair of wines (two each of Pinot Grigio, Chardonnay, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon) was from a box (read, “bag”)! One was actually a “jug” wine. As you can see below, “what’s in a bag” rated pretty well compared with “what’s in a bottle”. There was a lot of lively discussion about the wines during this presentation—some of it simultaneous with the presentation! Ah! Such enthusiasm! Must have been the wine. Thanks to the Evanses for providing the venue for this tasting and for putting up with a pretty large crowd.

Type	Order	Wine	Price	Votes
Pinot Grigio (jug)	1-W	Mezza Corona Pinot Grigio 2006 Italy (1.5 L)	12.99	18
Pinot Grigio (bottle)	2	La Rocca Pinot Grigio 2005 Italy	14.99	13
Chardonnay (bag)	3	Black Box Chardonnay 2005 California (3 L)	21.99	15
Chardonnay (bottle)	4	Michael Sullberg Chardonnay 2005 California	10.99	19
Merlot (bag)	5	Black Box Merlot 2006 California (3 L)	21.99	4
Merlot (bottle)	6	Ghost Pines Merlot 2005 California	19.99	28
Cabernet Sauvignon (bag)	7	Black Box Cabernet Sauvignon 2005 California (3 L)	21.99	10
Cabernet Sauvignon (bottle)	8	Liberty School Cabernet Sauvignon 2005 California	15.99	22

- **Shameless Self-promotion**—The [Masterworks Chorale of Carroll County](#) presents “Credo!” (“Symbolum Nicenum” from J. S. Bach’s *Mass in B minor*) at 3:00 PM, December 16, 2007 at Baker Memorial Chapel, McDaniel College, Westminster, MD. For details, see web site [www.MasterworksofCC.org](http://www.MasterworksofCC.org).
- **Check our web site** ([www.CCAWS.net](http://www.CCAWS.net)) for upcoming tastings.
- **Don't forget your dues** (***DUE THIS MONTH!!***) 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](http://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?

See you at the Blossverens' ...