



February 7, 2008

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The CCAWS February tasting will be at the home of Jackie and George Grillon on Sunday, February 17 at 2:00 pm. **Bill Eisberg**, will present **“Hartford Family Wines”**. Please call the Grillons by February 13th at if you would like to attend. Please do not forget to bring something to share for the table.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION for New Folks—Our wine tasting events are fragrance-free. Please refrain from wearing any fragrances (perfume, scented cologne, scented after shave, scented deodorant, scented lotion ...) because these will interfere with everyone’s enjoyment and sensory evaluation of the wines.

Other items of interest—

- **Last month’s Tasting, “Gold, Silver or Bronze? You Be the Judge”**—Pat Valas made us all judges for a day and put our palates to the test. We warmed up our toes, fingers and tongues with Domaine St. Michelle Brut and then tasted through seven varietals. The task was to assign each wine a gold, silver or bronze medal, knowing that each wine had in fact been awarded a medal at a previous competition (AWS Commercial Competition, Indy International or Pacific Rim). Revealed at the end (though several had guessed by then) was the fact that all of the wines, including the warm-up were in fact GOLD medal winners. The wines and favorites are listed below:
 1. Domaine St. Michelle Brut NV (\$13)—*warm-up*
 2. Barefoot Pinot Grigio NV (\$13/1.5 L)—*tied for 2nd favorite*
 3. St. Supery Virtu White Meritage 2006 (\$25)
 4. Boordy Vidal Blanc 2006 (\$10)
 5. Bogle Petite Syrah 2005 (\$14)—*tied for 2nd favorite*
 6. Michael David 6th Sense Syrah 2004 (\$19)—*tied for 2nd favorite*
 7. Pearmund Ameritage 2005 (\$23)
 8. Michael David Earthquake Cabernet 2004 (\$31)—**FAVORITE**
- **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. You can call AWS during business hours at 678-377-7070 to take care of it that way.
- **CCAWS Membership Cards**—Bona fide member of CCAWS, viz., AWS membership + CCAWS dues paid (see previous bullet), will receive 2008 CCAWS membership cards in the mail by next week. These are primarily for verifying to the few (currently 2) local liquor stores that offer a per-bottle discount on wine to CCAWS members.

- **New (and only) Wine Bar in town!!—*Wine Me Up!*** has opened for your delectation at 61½ E. Main Street Westminster, MD 21157 (across from the old fire hall). They have a growing wine list with a lot of variety. You can enjoy it by the glass. You can buy a bottle at a reasonable price to take out or, for only a \$5 corkage fee, drink it there. They also have a variety of hors d'oeuvres. Their web site is www.winemeupshoppeandtavern.com.

See you at the Grillons'...

...LeRoy