



April 8, 2008

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The CCAWS April tasting will be at the home of Barb and Bill Brown on Sunday, April 20 at 2:00 pm.

The Browns will present “**What Would YOU Pay for That Wine?**” Please call the Browns by April 16th (the earlier, the better!) 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 CCAWS 28th Anniversary Tasting, “Mostly Copernica Reserve”—Al Copp, owner and winemaker of Woodhall Wine Cellars, Parkton, MD** (www.WoodhallWineCellars.com), along with input from Ray Brasfield (www.CygnusWineCellars.com), the winemaker for some of the Copernica Reserves, presented a discontinuous vertical tasting of Copernica Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon going back to 1991 as well as the current vintage (2005) of Copernica Reserve Cabernet Franc—all 100% varietal. Many of us remember helping to harvest the grapes for many of these wines at Copernica Vineyards owned by Jack and Emily Johnston. Many thanks to the Johnstons for putting up with nearly fifty of us for this tasting. During a discussion of when to drink some of these wines, Jack Johnston quipped, “...better to rob the cradle than the grave!” The wines and favorite Copernica Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon (CRCS) are listed below:
 - Warm-up—Gunpowder Falls White 2006 (90% Vidal, 10% Vignoles)
 - #1—Golden Run Reserve Vidal Blanc 2006
 - #2—Copernica Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 1991, 4 votes
 - #3—Copernica Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 1995, 9 votes
 - **#4—Copernica Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 1997, 16 votes** (*the favorite CRCS!*)
 - #5—Copernica Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2002, 2 votes
 - #6—Copernica Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2005, 0 votes
 - #7—Copernica Reserve Cabernet Franc 2005
- **A short business meeting** was held at last month’s tasting regarding nominating and venue committees among other items. We will publish the minutes for you shortly.
- **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. ***[NOTE: I will be sending a reminder sometime this week to those of you who have not yet renewed your CCAWS membership.]***

- **CCAWS Membership Cards**—Bona fide member of CCAWS, viz., AWS membership + CCAWS dues paid (see previous bullet), will be sent 2008 CCAWS membership cards in the mail. These are primarily for verifying to the few (currently 3) local liquor stores that offer a per-bottle discount on wine to CCAWS members.

See you at the Browns' ...

...LeRoy