



December 4, 2008

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The CCAWS Annual December Champagne tasting will be at the home of Carmen and Richard on Sunday, December 14 at 2:00 pm.

John Landon (or surrogate), will present "**The 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 Blosverens by December 10th if you would like to attend—*the earlier, the better, because space is limited!* Please do not forget to bring something for the table. Also, don't forget your dues for next year (see below).

Other items of interest—

Last month's Tasting, "Unusual Wines—What's For Thanksgiving?"—Walt Rachele presented the topic to a sizable crowd. The list of wines tasted and the favorites follow:

Unusual Wines—What's For Thanksgiving?			
No.	Wine	Price	Votes
warmup	Rustico Nino Franco Prosecco (1.5L)	\$36	
1	Village Winery Apple NV, from VA	\$12	6
2	Hiddencroft Traminette 2007 from VA	\$17	2
3	Les Jamelles Cinsault 2005 from France	\$10	0
4	Belleview Winery Cranberry NV, from NJ	\$10	1
5	Village Winery Elderberry NV, from VA	\$15	0
6	Hillsborough Bloodstone Fer Servadou 2005 from VA	\$32	17
7	Greenhouse Winery Diamond NV, from PA	\$12	2

- ***A Little Bit of Tuscany*** is a new Italian wine bar and light-fare bistro you should check out on Main Street at Longwell in Westminster. (www.alittlebitoftuscany.com).
- ***Bud's at Silver Run*** is a new, casual fine dining restaurant right here in beautiful, downtown Silver Run, MD on Littlestown Pike (Rt. 97) between Mayberry and Silver Run Valley Roads. **Check out their upcoming wine dinner with Alphonso Ventrice (December 15, 7:00pm, \$85 inclusive)** at www.budsatsilverrun.com!

- ***Wine Me Up Wine Bar & Shoppe*** at 61½ E. Main Street in Westminster (www.winemeupshoppeandtavern.com) has been here since January so still qualifies as new, I suppose. Check it out.
- **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, \$62 for 2009) 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 online 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 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.

This is my last tasting newsletter as chair of CCAWS. The last four years have been a blast. The gavel will pass to Robert Horrocks for the next two years.

See you at the Blosverens' ...

...LeRoy