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The CCAWS February tasting will be at the home of Grillon's on Sunday February 15th at 2:00 pm.

The Grillon's with the help of Jackie Powers and Pennee Parker will present "A Love affair with Wine" featuring easy and fun to drink wines. This is also a good time to renew your CCAWS membership (see below). Please call the Grillon's' by February 12th at 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). The established drop dead date for renewal would be March 1, so please be sure to get that in so that you do not get dropped as an active member.

Other items of interest—

The Carroll County (MD) chapter met on January 18th at the home of the Evans' with the theme being, "Chili and Chilean"—**Pat Valas** presented the topic and was extremely informative about the wines of Chili, where the countries wine growing is today, where it is going and how the region aspects to other continents wine growing regions.. The presentation was complete with maps, handouts and some very good wine. The list of wines tasted and the favorites follow. You will see that there was a run away winner: Thank you as well to all the Chili chefs. A link to the website that Pat used to help with her presentation is pasted here: <http://www.winesofchile.org/>

Chilean Tasting			
No.	Wine	Price	Votes
warm-up	Frontera Chardonnay and Frontera Merlot	9	
1	Vinot Casablanca Nimbus Estates Sauvignon Blanc 2006	\$12	0
2	Estampa Reserve Sauvignon Blanc	\$12	1
3	Montes Cherub Rose of Syrah 2007	\$15	0
4	Calina Carmenera 2007	\$9	3
5	Root 1 Cabernet Sauvignon 2006	\$12	7
6	Montes Alpha Syrah 2006	\$23	20

- **A Little Bit of Tuscany** is an 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 downtown Silver Run, MD on Littlestown Pike (Rt. 97) between Mayberry and Silver Run Valley Roads. www.budsatsilverrun.com!
- **Wine Me Up Wine Bar & Shoppe** at 61½ E. Main Street in Westminster (www.winemeupshoppeandtavern.com) has

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 2009 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.
- **The March tasting also doubles as our Annual Meeting, so now would be a good time to begin thinking of items that need to be brought to the attention of the members. This gives us an opportunity to set our direction for the 2009 year, and close any loose ends from 2008.**
- **Welcome to new members Jeff and Joyce Romans and Peter and Pat Tabatsko... Glad to have you in the Society.**

This message from Lynn Breeding who won one the baskets from the December tasting:

“Joe and I would like to extend our appreciation to the team for the lovely baskets. We won one of them and had fun exploring all the basket's accessories as well as the wine. It's really wonderful that your group is continuing a tradition that also serves to provide contributions for the Education Fund. An extra thank you to Jackie for the earrings which I love.”

Robert Horrocks