



November 6, 2009

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The CCAWS November tasting will be “**Rhône Wines from the North and South**” presented by Bill Eisberg on Sunday 11/15/09 starting at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Mary and Mike Evans.

Mary and Mike have generously opened their home for the event and all you need to do is RSVP by Tuesday, November 10, and bring a dish to share for the table —*the earlier, the better, because space may be limited!*

The Carroll County (MD) chapter met on October 18th at the home of the Carrs with the theme being, “**The High-Altitude Wine Districts of Napa—A Comparison of AVA and How the Soil Types and Micro Climates Result in Wines of Distinct Character**” presented by John Carr and Michael Bareford (College Square Liquors). The tasting was held in the Carrs’ recently renovated home to wide acclaim for both the renovations and the spectacular lineup of wines John and Michael presented. We voted on an overall favorite.

The High-Altitude Wine Districts of NAPA—a Comparison			
No.	Wine	Price	Votes
warm-up	X Winery, Los Carneros Pinot Noir 2007	\$23	1
1	Atlas Peak Cabernet Sauvignon 2004 (96% Cab. Sauv./3% Petit Verdot/1% Merlot) (AVA Mt. Veeder)	\$82	5
2	Atlas Peak Cabernet Sauvignon 2003 (AVA Spring Mtn.)	\$82	1
3	Constant Vineyard 73% Cab. Sauvignon/18% Merlot 9% Cab. Franc 2004 (AVA Diamond Mtn.)	\$97	10
4	Ladera Cabernet Sauvignon 2003 (AVA Howell Mtn.)	\$70	20
5	Krupp Bros. 37% Tempranillo/28% Merlot/21% Malbec/14% Cab. Sauvignon 2006 (AVA Atlas Peak)	\$90	6

Becky Wilson announced that the next CCAWS Scholarship will honor Emily and Jack Johnston (both very much alive!) for their pioneering efforts in founding CCAWS as well as their continued hard work and support of our group, including running the Wine Education & Appreciation Seminars at the Maryland Wine Festival (MWF), Amateur Wine Judging at the MWF and a host of other things too numerous to mention!! See below for further details on how you can help hasten the time to award this scholarship.

We welcome new members Janine and Mark Wilson!

Check our web site (www.CCAWS.net) for upcoming tastings.

• **Other News**

- We have filled the calendar for 2010 with House Hosts with a few Wine Hosts still needed. Thank you Becky for helping with this. We have confirmed that January tasting will be at Serpent Ridge with a tour of the tasting room and a vertical tasting of their wine.
 - A reminder that the tasting schedule is available on our website.
 - December tasting will be the annual champagne tasting at the home of the Blosverens, with John Landon hosting the wines. We all look forward to this gala event and seeing everyone dressed up. Naturally it is also when we draw for the prizes for the scholarship fundraiser.. more below on this
 - It is our Annual Fundraiser Drive time again. Monies for this go to our Scholarship fund. We need donations for the baskets that we raffle at the champagne tasting in December, including a bottle of wine for \$10.00 or more (after the discount) or a separate check in lieu of this *and* a \$25.00 (or more—be generous!) check made out for the Scholarship Fund. Checks can be made out to AWSEF. These can be mailed to Penec at 330 Innisbrook Lane, Westminster, MD 21158 or simply brought to the next tasting. Remember that to win a basket during the Champagne tasting, you must have donated. This is for a really great cause so please consider giving something to help out others. Other members that you can send or give items to are Emily Johnston and Jackie Powers. This tasting will be the last one that we can raise money for the event.
 - Welcome to new members Janine and Mark Wilson
 - Finally a huge thank you from Kelly and I for all the thoughts, concern and help offered and received relative to Kelly’s surgery. She is recovering well and gets better every day. Thank you Lee for putting the first half of this letter together, as with everything going on I had to reach out for assistance.
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- *A Little Bit of Tuscany* is now offering discounts on off-sale wine.
 - *Bud’s at Silver Run* November 30th – “Women who Wine” returns!
 - *Wine Me Up Wine Bar & Shoppe* now offers live music on Thursdays and Saturdays (www.winemeupshoppeandtavern.com) Also Don’t miss the weekly specials! No corkage fee on Tuesdays, bottle specials on Wednesdays and on Friday Happy Hour, receive half off wine by the glass from 4pm-7pm on Fridays!
 - *Serpent Ridge Vineyard* is now also offering a 15 % discount to CCAWS members for wine sales. A tasting is \$5.00 and you get to keep the glass.. well worth a visit. <http://www.serpentridge.com/>