



November 30th, 2009

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The CCAWS December tasting will be **Our annual champagne tasting and auction** presented by John Landon on Sunday 12/13/2009 starting at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Richard and Carmen Blosveren. Richard and Carmen have generously opened their home for the event and all you need to do is RSVP by Tuesday, December 10th, bring a dish to share for the table —*the earlier, the better, because space may be limited!* A word to newer members.. People dress up for this as it also serves as our annual party.

The Carroll County (MD) chapter met on November 15th at the home of the Evans with the theme being, “**Rhone Wines From North to South**” presented by Bill Eisberg. The tasting was held in the Evans’ on a glorious fall day and we enjoyed sitting on the pool deck after for the social. We voted on an overall favorite. Of note was how much more popular the southern blended Rhone’s were compared to the single varietals northern, as well as some discussion as to whether some of the northern may have been blended to soften them.

Rhone Wines North to South			
No.	Wine	Price	Votes
Warm-up	Dom.Lafron Lirac 2008 White (south)50% Grenache Blanc, 30% Roussanne, 20% Viognier	\$18	1
1	Dom Grand Nicolet, Rasteau 2006, (South) 80% Grenache, 20% Syrah (45 year old Vines)	\$21	6
2	Dom De La Maurelle Gigndas 2007 (south) 60% Grenache, 30% Syrah, 10% Mouvedre	\$25	4
3	Laurus Chateauneuf-Du-Pape 2003 (south) Grenache, Syrah, Mouvedre	\$39	11
4	Ferraton Pere & Fils Crozes-Hermitage 2006 (north) 100% Syrah	\$19	0
5	Cuilleron St Joseph “ Les Serines” 2006 (North) 100% Syrah	\$76	2
6	Robert Michael Cornas “ Cuvee de Corteaux” 2005 (North) 100% Syrah	\$58	7

- **Don't forget your dues** of \$10 to CCAWS (Carroll County Chapter of the American Wine Society) **AND** your membership obligation (dues, \$62 for 2010) 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. The website has been updated and you will need to log on and verify your personal information to submit. Dues will be due starting January 2010

CCAWS Membership Cards—Bona fide member of CCAWS, viz., AWS membership + CCAWS dues paid (see previous bullet), will be sent 2010 CCAWS membership cards in the mail. These are primarily for verifying to the growing stores, wine bars and vineyards that offer the discount of 20 percent on non sale wines or off premise wines

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

• **Other News**

- A reminder that the tasting schedule is available on our website.
- January tasting will be at Serpent Ridge. I will pass more information on with the January News Letter
- If you donated to the annual fundraiser, enjoy a chance to win a fabulous basket at the champagne tasting
- Welcome to new members Jerry and Chris Benson, new members who were guests at the last tasting and joined that day! See what a fun group we are..
- Expect the champagne tasting to be more costly than the usual, but probably not more than \$30.00 per person
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- *A Little Bit of Tuscany* is now offering discounts on off-sale wine.
- *Buds at Silver Run*: Has a wine Dinner on Dec 2nd
- *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/>