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The CCAWS May tasting will be at the home of Mike and Susann Barbour as the house host on Sunday May 17th with Nancy Slick as the wine host. The topic will be Wild and Wacky Whites

Please call the Barbour's by May 13th if you would like to attend. Following Are You Ready for a Three Way, being wild and wacky seems very apt —*the earlier, the better, because space is limited! Especially parking.* Please do not forget to bring something for the table. CCAWS cards have been sent out. Please let me know if you did not receive yours. I think that I have everyone now but could be wrong.

Other items of interest—

The Carroll County (MD) chapter met on March 19th at the home of the Pardoe's with the theme being, “**Are you ready for a three way.**” We were all very excited to see what awaited and were not disappointed. Yes we did actually taste some wine, but this was with a very unique twist! There was no scoring of the wines and instead the concept was to test the theories and myths surrounding letting wine breathe. To breathe or not to breathe was the question. 4 wines were opened. Each either for immediate consumption, 1 hour prior and 24 hours prior. All were poured into wide mouth carafes. 2 were tested during the tasting and two were tested during the social hour. During the tasting, we opened tasted a \$21.00 bottle of Chateau Malmaison Bordeaux 2003 and a \$40.00 bottle of Folie a Deux Cabernet Sauvignon Lewelling Vineyard Napa 2005. We did not know in advance what the wine was or its cost and we were not comparing one wine over the other, merely which tasted better depending on the amount of time it was left to breathe. The consensus of the group turned on its head a lot of thoughts in that the cheaper of the 2 was felt by the majority to taste better after a full 24 hours in the carafe, while we were split on the more expensive between immediate and one hour.

One can draw a lot of conclusions, but for some it vindicated the odd sensation that occasionally that half finished bottle, like a good casserole, tasted better the next day!!!

We then had a good time exploring the various methods available today to help wine breathe more quickly. A big thank you to the Wilson's for putting on such a creative tasting, and naturally to the Pardoe's for opening their home

Are you ready for a Three Way (to breathe or not to breathe)			
No.	Wine	Price	Votes
warm-up	Folie a Deux Sauvignon Blanc	\$16	0
1	Folie A Deux Napa Merlot 2007	\$17	0
2	Folie a Deux Cabernet Sauvignon Lewelling Vineyard Napa 2005	\$40	0
3	Notro Sangiovese Bonarda 2007	\$9	0
4	Chateau Malmaison Bordeaux 2003 Rothschild Moulis en Medoc	\$21	0

- ***A Little Bit of Tuscany*** is now offering discounts on off sale wine, and will be having a wine dinner on May 19th
- ***Bud's at Silver Run*** is participating in the Taste of Carroll at the Antrim which benefits the Carroll Hospice. www.budsatsilverrun.com!
- ***Wine Me Up Wine Bar & Shoppe*** now offers live music on Thursdays and Saturdays (www.winemeupshoppeandtavern.com)

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

- The AWS is seeking people to assist in the VP role, which is a 2 year commitment.
- The tasting at the Riley's will be the National Tasting project on Zinfandel
- At the last tasting someone was looking for seeds for the yellow and red striped tomato. Emily Johnson has a couple of extra plants.

Robert Horrocks