



February 2017

To: Carroll County Chapter American Wine Society
From: Ron Riley, Chapter Chair

Hi Everyone:

It's been relatively benign Winter, but as we know, February can always be tricky- especially if you believe that rarely accurate Marmot Meteorologist Punxsutawney Phil who predicted Winter weather when he saw his 2017 Shadow. If we're lucky perhaps we'll make it through this month's tasting without storm problems.

The date is Sunday February 19th, with the usual 2PM (or so) start time. Again, as in previous years, we'll be meeting at the historic country home of George and Jackie Grillon. Presiding as wine host is our UK brother "Sir" Robert Horrocks, who will talk us through select Oregon State Red and Whites -"Everything *BUT* Pinot Noir" is his theme.

Jackie prefers [email RSVP](#),

Please respond by Thursday February 16th - "the sooner the better"

Our thanks to Eileen and Richard Sien for hosting in January at their Eldersburg home. It was a *great* tasting with a solid laid-back and knowledgeable presentation by Eileen's brother in law Michael who sorted out Pinot Grigios, Syrahs and Nebbiolos. We also did a bit of reminiscing about of the start-up of CCAWS in the 1980s with special nods to long time members who were present: Chapter founders Jack and Emily Johnson, John Landon, Richard and Carmen, Nancy Slick, the Eisbergs and Dean and Becky Wilson

WE TASTED:

WHITE WINE

WARM UP Gloria Ferrer Blanc de Noirs	FAVORITE WHITE	\$19
Carlo Pinot Grigio 2015		\$17
Anne de K Grand Cru Pinot Gris 2012	BEST OF TYPE	\$25

REDS

Davey Family Estate Shiraz 2013		\$22
Montes Alpha Syrah 2013	FAVORITE RED/BEST OF TYPE	\$19
Rivata Barbaresco 2012		\$22
Rivata Barolo 2011		\$28

NEWS & NOTES

AWS membership cards temporarily delayed as they await the latest Vintage Cards,

CCAWS.net is our website for ongoing info – click the “Mobile Schedule-One Tab Button” app giving easy to CCAWS on your mobile device.

Old Westminster Winery has purchased the Burnt Hills Farm 117 acre site in Northern Montgomery County to expand the limited capacity of their 17 acre home vineyard in Carroll. Professional Geologists say that it has the potential to yield *brilliant* wines. See <http://www.oldwestminster.com/blog/2016/12/19/we-found-it>

COMING UP:

March 19th Sadlers/Gambrills – Nan Slick “Do You Know Your ABC's” (of grapes)

April 16th Carrs/New Windsor TBD

May 21st Provostos/Hampstead - Nan Slick TBD

June 18th Rileys/Woodbine - AWS National Tasting Project – w/Pat Valas

July 16th Grillons/Taneytown – Yearly CCAWS Free-Bee Summer Cookout & Pool Party