

**March - 2017**



**To: CCAWS Members**  
**From: Ron Riley, Chair**  
**Carroll County (MD) Chapter American Wine Society**

Hi Everyone,

It seems we have turned the 2017 pages pretty rapidly so far this year. After a very untypical February we're now into March with Daylight Saving Time coming up on the 12<sup>th</sup>, Saint Patrick's Day on the 17<sup>th</sup> and Spring's official arrival the day after our Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup> tasting.

Also, another milestone, as the long time tradition of Johnston's hosting this tasting ends due to Jack and Emily's impending sale and move. We thank you both for years of great wines and good times, but happy to know you will be able to continue as members sharing your knowledge and spirit with CCAWS.

Also, kudos to Bill and Michelle Sadler for stepping up to fill the date along with Nancy Slick presenting. The format: - TAH-DAH! - "Do You Know Your Wine ABC's" She's is not planning doing a wine run on all 26 letters of the alphabet, (Awww, come-on Nan!) but she will use at least 8, beginning, of course' with "A"

Please RSVP by Thursday March 16<sup>th</sup> preferably email to Bill. however, bill said if you feel the need for human contact you can call.

Thank you, Jackie & George, for hosting a wonderful tasting on the 19<sup>th</sup> which turned out to be an unusually Sunny and relatively mild February day. Everyone had a chance to sit outdoors and sip as Dean Wilson, who brought his Drone along, treated us to awesome live aerial views of Grillions' home and acreage. Of course, Robert Horrock's presentational romp through Oregon gave us great insights into some wonderful wines beyond their highly popular Pinot Noir

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**WE TASTED:**

<b>WARM-UP EVOLUTION – White Blend</b>	<b>\$18</b>	<b>WINNER WHITE</b>
<b>CRISTOM VINEYARDS VIOGNIER 2014</b>	<b>\$36</b>	
<b>CHEHELEM GRUNER VELTLINER</b>	<b>\$33</b>	
<b>MONTINORE ESTATE GEWURZTRAMINER 2013</b>	<b>\$18</b>	
<b>DEL RIO CLARET 2012</b>	<b>\$20</b>	
<b>RANSOM GRENACHE</b>	<b>\$27</b>	
<b>CRISTOM VINEYARDS SYRAH 2013</b>	<b>\$44</b>	<b>WINNER RED</b>

**COMING UP:**

April 16<sup>th</sup> John & Ann Carr -TBD – note - since this is Easter Sunday HouseHosts may elect to change the date. Will let you know if it happens.

May 21<sup>st</sup> Steve & Theresa Prevosto w/ Nan Slick “Your Wine ABC's”

June 18<sup>th</sup> Linda & Ron Riley–AWS National Tasting w/Pat Valas presenting “Organic, Sustainable and Biodynamic Wines”

July 16<sup>th</sup> George & Jackie Grillon–CCAWS Annual Cook Out/Pool Party!

Aug 20<sup>th</sup> Jerry & Dorothy Hampton – TBD

Sept 16-17<sup>th</sup> Maryland Wine Festival – Carroll County Farm Museum Westminster/

Sep 17<sup>th</sup> Peter & Simone Hauslauer – TBD

Oct 15<sup>th</sup> Charles & Roseanne Hedges – TBD

Nov2-4<sup>th</sup> AWS Nat'l Conference & 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Pocono Manor PA

Nov 19<sup>th</sup> Bill & Michelle Sadler -TBD

Dec 10<sup>th</sup> Corynne Courpas – Holiday Champagne Extravaganza

***MEMBER WINE DISCOUNTS: College Square & Cranberry in Westminster, Total Discount, Eldersburg – Main Street Liquors, Hampstead***