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AMERICAN WINE SOCIETY
YEARS OF WINE DISCOVERY

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

Hi Everyone,

Weatherwise it was a roller coaster February – warmest since 1870 – March was much cooler, which unfortunately stunted many of the emerging plants and blossoms – including Cherry Blossoms which opened 10 to 12 days late in DC.

Now into April, we're in high anticipation of CCAWS's Extravagancia Españolas. At 2PM Sunday April 9th we will join hosts John & Ann Carr, and their guest presenter Spanish Wine Specialist Marie Stevens from Palm Bay Importers for an unprecedented Vertical Tasting of Faustino Gran Reserva Rioja. Oldest wine to taste-1964. Because of limited space we reached capacity fast! So, with others waiting, if you must cancel be sure to contact the Carrs. Also, when making your "dish to share, please try to make something Spanish or of Spanish influence to complement the Riojas".

Thanks so much to the Sadlers for March! The 'snow scare' of the 18th and 19th didn't live up to the advertised hype and we spent a fine afternoon with Bill, Michelle and Madison at their Gamber farm. Also, cheers to Nancy Slick for a fine presentation of mainly low to moderately priced White Wines from the US and EU. BTW we won't see Nan at the April event as she'll be attending the Vinalty 2017 Wine Fair in Verona IT. Tough job but somebody has to do it, as they say.

WE TASTED:

OPENER: ZARDETTO "Z" PROSECCO NV

WEINGUT FURST ELBING 2015

TENUTA GIROLAO "LA VOLIERA" FIANO 2015

SALVANO ROERO ARNEIS 2015

VYNECREST CHAMBOURCIN

EGERVIN BULLS BLOOD 2014

CAYMUS-SUISUN GRAND DURIF 2014

Germany \$12 WINNER

Germany \$13

Italy \$14

Italy \$17

PA \$17

Hungary \$10

CA \$50 RED WINNER

COMING UP:

May 21st Steve & Theresa Prevosto w/ Nan Slick: Virginia is for Lovers – of Wild Wacky White Wines. Hampstead

June 18th Linda & Ron Riley–AWS National Tasting Project, Wine Host Pat Valas presenting “Organic, Sustainable and Biodynamic Wines”

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

Aug 20th Jerry & Dorothy Hampton – TBD Eldersburg

- Pankaj “Doc” Desai informs that on Friday night April 7th the Westminster Astronomical Society, weather permitting will have telescopes set up at Black Ankle Winery and inviting all to attend, sip some wine and look at the Cosmos.

- Speaking of “Docs” let’s give a hand to George Grillon, long time CCAWS member and supporter who was recently named President of the Maryland Wineries Association!

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