

May - 2017



To: CCAWS MEMBERS
From: Ron Riley, Chapter Chair

Hi Everyone,

It's the time of year when the wind pollinates the air with the yellow stuff that makes our eyes red and our noses sneeze as we hurl along toward the Summer Solstice.

For our May tasting Sunday the 21st we'll return to the relaxing hillside home of Steve and Theresa Provosto – always very gracious hosts. Nan, back from her wine trip to Verona and Venice, will do a real turn around as she presents "Virginia Is For Lovers-of Wild and Wacky White Wines." Sure to be another "educational wineventure" Hope you can make it. Please RSVP to by Thursday the 18th

Please don't forget to bring an appetizer/entrée or dessert to share and, of course, our on-going reminder not to wear perfumes or colognes.

Major kudos to the Carrs and Mike Bareford for the awesome and innovative Vertical Tasting of Faustino Rioja Gran Reserva in April. Certainly one of our most memorable events, made even more so by our guest presenter Maria Stevens, Spanish wine specialist from Palm Bay Importers, who drove down from NJ to be with us. Not only was her presentation upbeat and educational, but she graciously remained for most of the afternoon answering one-on-one questions.

WE TASTED

Faustino I Gran Reserva (Opener-only White)	Wholesale \$12 Retail \$15
Faustino Gran Reserva Rioja 1964	\$170-\$255
Faustino Gran Reserva Rioja 1970	\$125-\$190
Faustino Gran Reserva Rioja 1986	\$62 -\$94
Faustino Gran Reserva Rioja 1991 WINNER	\$55 -\$83
Faustino Gran Reserve Rioja 2001	\$27- \$40
Faustino Gran Reserve Rioja 2004	\$27 -\$40

NEWS & NOTES

-I'd like to encourage any member who would like to be a wine presenter at one of the tastings to please let me know- new faces/new ideas are always a good thing.

-Just a heads up-the June 18th NTP Tasting is also Fathers Day. Although a busy family day for some, last year the majority of members gave it a thumbs up, so this year we will again hold it on the usual 3rd Sunday.

-We will continue endeavoring to keep tasting costs at \$20-\$30 p/p- the exception being a "special venue" chosen by the House or Wine host. When that happens we'll let everyone know in advance!

-Membership in AWS is a must for at least one household member for House Hosts for accident liability insurance coverage.

COMING UP:

June 18th Linda & Ron Riley-AWS National Tasting-Pat Valas presents "Organic, Sustainable and Biodynamic Wines"

July 16th George & Jackie Grillon-CCAWS Annual family & friends Cook Out/Pool Party! It's Free - bring wine to share.

Aug 20st Jerry & Dorothy Hampton - TBD

Sept 16-17 MD Wine Festival - Carroll County Farm Museum Westminster

Sep 17th Peter & Simone Hauslauer - TBD

Oct 15th Charles & Roseanne Hedges - TBD

Nov 2-4th AWS Nat'l Conference/50th Anniv Gala Celebration-Poco Manor PA

Nov 19th Bill & Michelle Sadler -TBD

Dec 11th Corynne Courpas - Holiday Champagne Extravaganza

MEMBER WINE DISCOUNTS: College Square & Cranberry in Westminster, Total Discount Eldersburg Main Street Liquors Hampstead have AWS Membership card handy