

**NOVEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER
CARROLL COUNTY MD CHAPTER/AMERICAN WINE SOCIETY**



To: CCAWS Members
From: Ron Riley, Chapter Chair

Hi Everyone..

It seems the months have absolutely roared by and suddenly we're heading down the home stretch of 2017! Coming up on Sunday November 19th, a few days before Thanksgiving - Bill and Michelle Sadler will Host our next tasting at their farm home in Gamber. Winehost Nan Slick will present part 2 of "The Wine Alphabet" featuring both Reds and Whites - "letters H through N", Sounds like a fine Fall afternoon! Hope you can join us-2PM.

Follow the long driveway off 32 just North of Gamber VFD and Mechanicsville Elementary School. Please RSVP Sadler's early.

Grazie-Danke-Merci-Thank You Charlie and Roseanne Hedges for hosting a super tasting last month. Great insights as we sampled some fine Cabs and Syrahs presented by Mike Bareford of College Square and Meggan Robinson along with Tracey and Chris - plus lots of back and forth with members which evolved into a nice educational and social event.

WE TASTED:

WARM UP: Simi Dry Rose Sonoma County 2016 \$13
Two Hands 2015 "Sexy Beast" McLaren Vale Cab \$30
Two Hands 2015 "Angels Share" Shiraz McLaren Vale \$30
Alban Vineyards Estate 2014 Syrah Edna Valley \$37
St .Supery 2013 Cab Napa Valley \$35
BLIND WINE #1 Black Ankle 2014 Syrah \$38
BLIND WINE #2 Basignani Lovenzino Reserve 2013 \$29

NEWS & NOTES:

- Sorry but I don't have the voted preferences for the wines - Seems I misplaced the notes Nancy provided and couldn't get a copy from her as she was at the AWS National Conference when I was writing this.

-It's that time of year for our CCAWS Scholarship Fund Drive - seeking members to contribute a minimum of \$25 payable to AWSEF. If you're attending Sadler's tasting you can give checks Kelly Horrocks or John Landon. We'll need this by year's end. Also we're hoping MEMBERS will contribute 1 or 2 bottles of wine (minimum retail \$15 or more) during this month so Kelly and Tracey can include them in those beautiful Wine Baskets for our December AWSEF Raffle. By the way, your contribution makes you eligible for the raffle. Kelly can accept these bottles should you be attending Sadler's this month or contact me and I can pick up if needed. As an option you can write her a check and she will buy a bottle on your behalf or send a check made out to Kelly Horrocks 4 Bison Street Taneytown 21787

- As previously announced Jerry Hampton has been nominated by the board as incoming Chapter Chair, when I step down at the end of the year. I want to thank so many for the positive comments I've received. I'm confident, as in the past, members will approve this very qualified member and wine enthusiast to carry on when we ask for a hand vote at the upcoming tasting. I'll formally turn over the "Deluxe Wooden Gavel" of authority ;-) at the December tasting.

- Note below that May 20th is open for a New House Host. Steven and Theresa Prevosto want to take a break, so anyone interested please let me know. Thanks!

COMING UP:

**December 10th Holiday Champagne Extravaganza & Wine Basket Raffle
Corynne Hosts - plus John Landon presents Bubbles (who?)**

2018 TASTING SCHEDULE

January 21st Penkaj "Doc" and Roxanne Desai w/ Paul Vogel presenting
February 19th George & Jackie Grillon, Taneytown w/ Robt Horrocks
March 19th Eileen & Richard Sien, Eldersburg/TBD
April 16th John & Ann Carr - New Windsor / theme TBD
May 20th OPEN! ANYONE??
June 17th Ron & Linda Riley - Woodbine AWS National Tasting Project
July 14 Grillons Annual Pool Party & Cookout- burgers/dogs on us!
Aug 19th Jerry & Dorothy Hampton - Eldersburg TBD
Sep 16th Simone & Peter Haslauer w/ Leroy Stewart Presenting
Oct 21st Charles & Roseanne Hedges TBD
Nov 18th Bill and Michelle Sadler TBD
Dec 9th Corynne Courpas' Holiday Champagne Extravaganza

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