



April - 2018

**To:** Members of the CARROLL COUNTY MD CHAPTER/AMERICAN WINE SOCIETY  
**From:** Jerry Hampton, Chapter Chair

Hello everyone! Welcome at long last to April and, hopefully, warmer weather.

I want to first thank everyone who attended our annual business meeting in March. We had a very lively discussion on the new bylaws and we managed to successfully get through all the proposed changes within our allotted time. Thanks also to Nan Slick and Dorothy Hampton for keeping track of all the motions and capturing the changes and additions that were voted on. I am including the updated chapter bylaws and John Landon's treasurer report as separate attachments.

We have a fun and challenging tasting planned for April. The theme is: **A Sommelier Challenge**. The April tasting will be at the home of **John and Ann Carr** Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM.

Here's how the tasting will work. Each person/couple will bring a bottle of wine \$20+ retail that reflects a grape variety and region. All wines will be placed in brown paper bags and numbered. Each participant will taste 6 wines – that's the easy part! Now the challenging part. After tasting each wine, your task will be to try identifying the grape or blend type, the region, and (drum roll) the vintage. Each participant will taste at least two wines from each category, white or red. The results will be scored when bottles are revealed, and the winner will get the all-important prize of bragging rights for best palate in CCAWS.

Blind tastings can be a lot of fun, and they really force you to concentrate when you're tasting. Whether you're brand new to this type of thing or an old pro, I guarantee you will learn something, and that, after all, is what AWS is all about!

**Please RSVP by April 11 via email or by phone.**

As always: Please don't forget to bring an entrée, appetizer, or dessert to share!

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## ***Last Month's News***

Thanks to Eileen and Richard Sien for opening their home for our March tasting and to Michael Sien for serving as wine host. The theme was "Young, Fun Wines for Spring," and the wines were excellent, spanning a wide range of varietals and regions of the world. This is Michael's third year serving as wine host, and he always does a terrific job.

The voting results from the tasting are shown below:

<b>Wine</b>	<b>Retail Price (\$)</b>	<b>Number of Votes</b>
Warm Up Armani Prosecco	16.99	6
Praia Vinho Verde, NV	13.49	9 (White Winner)
Bodega Gonzales Ruggeo Albarino, 2015	17.99	8
Sancerre Pinot Noir Rose, 2016	16.99	5
Veranda Pinot Noir, 2016	18.99	5
Tres Picos Garnacha, 2016	18.99	10 (Red Winner)
Domaine des Maisons Neuves Gamay, 2016	16.99	7

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## ***Miscellaneous***

**Member Wine Discounts:** The following establishments offer discounts to AWS members – College Square Liquors and Cranberry Liquors in Westminster, Main Street Liquors, Hampstead, and Total Discount Liquors, Eldersburg.

**Chapter and AWS Dues:** Please don't forget to pay your national AWS and local chapter dues.

Local dues: \$10 per household

National dues: \$49 (individual); \$62 (household)

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## ***2018 Tasting Schedule***

<b>Month</b>	<b>House Host</b>	<b>Wine Host</b>	<b>Theme</b>
January	Doc & Roxanne Desai	Bernie Vogel	Burgundy with Bernie
February	George & Jackie Grillon	Robert Horrocks	Exploring Trends in Wines with the Rise of Millennials
March	Eileen Sien	Michael Sien	Young, Fun Wines for Spring
April (4/15/18)	John & Ann Carr	John Carr	A Sommelier Challenge

May (5/20/18)	Frank & Dolores Batavik	Nan Slick	Beautiful, Blanco, and ?
June (6/17/18) ?	Ron & Linda Riley	Pat Valas	National Tasting: Wines of Portugal
July (7/15/18)	George & Jackie Grillon	N/A	Picnic
August 8/19/18)	Jerry & Dorothy Hampton	Dorothy Hampton	TBD
September (9/16/18)	Simone & Peter Haslauer	Leroy Stewart	TBD
October (10/21/18)	Robert & Kelly Horrocks	Ron Riley	Sicilian Wines
November 11/18/18)	Bill & Michele Sadler	Nan Slick	TBD
December 12/9/18 ?	Corynne Courpas	John Landon	Champagne soiree

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