



May - 2018

**To:** Members of the CARROLL COUNTY MD CHAPTER/AMERICAN WINE SOCIETY

**From:** Jerry Hampton, Chapter Chair

Before I describe our upcoming regular monthly tasting, I'm excited to announce a special event in May for our group. As I mentioned at the April tasting, I have arranged for a private tour and tasting at Black Ankle Winery in Mt. Airy, MD on Thursday, May 31 from 4:30 to 7:00 PM (14463 Black Ankle Rd, Mt. Airy MD: see map at end). The tasting and tour are complimentary and you are welcome to bring food or purchase things to eat at the winery after the tour. Please RSVP to me by May 29 so I can give the winery an idea of how many to expect.

I look forward to seeing all of you at Black Ankle.

Now on to our regular monthly tasting. With warm weather finally making an appearance, we have the perfect theme for our upcoming May tasting. The theme is: **Bello Blanco: Whites and Roses of Spain** and our wine host will be Nan Slick presenting at the home of **Frank & Dolores Batavik**, Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM.

Spain is the home of a large number of unique grape varieties, so I'm sure we will be treated to some Spanish whites and roses that are new to everyone. Nan always does such a thorough job researching the wines she presents, so I know we will all learn a lot.

**Please RSVP to the Bataviks by May 16 via phone or by email from the "RSVP HERE" link on the website [www.CCAWS.net](http://www.CCAWS.net).**

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

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

I want to thank John and Ann Carr for opening their home and hosting our April tasting. It was a fun and challenging blind tasting based on wines that members brought with them. There was a huge range of styles and the quality of the wine was excellent. Thanks to everyone for bringing such great wines and making the April tasting such a success.

Speaking of success, I want to recognize the winner of the blind tasting in April. The person with the most discriminating palate is none other than Roseanne Hedges! Roseanne managed to accrue a whopping 23 points. And guess who came in second ... Charlie Hedges! All I can say is you don't get that good without a lot of practice. Congratulations to both of you!

The table below lists the wines in no particular order that were part of the blind tasting. (Thanks Nan for compiling all this information!)

<b>Name</b>	<b>Grape</b>	<b>Vintage</b>	<b>Country</b>
Warm Up Wines			
Tascante	Carricante	2013	Sicily
Chat. Beauchene	Viognier	2017	France (Cote du Rhone)
Dry Creek	Grenache Blanc	2015	California
Villa Wolfe	Pinot Noir	2017	Germany
Lauverijat	Pinot Noir	2017	France (Loir Valley)
Iclle Cellars	Sangiovese	2013	California
Competition Wines			
Bookwater Willar Vineyards	Chenin Blanc	2015	Washington (Yakima Valley)
Molly Dooker The Boxer	Shiraz	2016	Australia
Fina El Encinal	Tempranillo	2011	Spain (Ribura de Duero)
Coppola	Cabernet Sauvignon	2015	California (Sonoma)
Travaglini Gattinara	Nebbiolo	2012	Italy
Old Westminster Winery	Sauvignon Blanc	2017	Maryland
Famille Perrin Coudoulet de Beaucastel	Red Blend GSM Blend	2014	France (Cote du Rhone)
Four Graces	Pinot Noir	2013	Oregon (Willamette Valley)
La Montesa	Tempranillo	2013	Spain - Rioja

Ceretto	Nebbiolo	2012	Italy – Barolo
St. Innocent Village Cuvee	Pinot Noir	2011	Oregon (Willamette Valley)
Chat. St. Jean	Cabernet Sauvignon	2014	Napa

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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.

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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	Bello Blanco: Whites and Roses of Spain
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	Jerry & Dorothy Hampton	The Wines of Uruguay
September (9/16/18)	Simone & Peter Haslauer	Leroy & Anna 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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