



March - 2019

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

Since our February tasting was a week later than normal and February is a short month, I'm a little off my game and a couple of days later than normal getting the newsletter out. So, that's my excuse and I'm stickin' to it!

Now that I've gotten that off my chest, let's turn our attention to March, and all I can say is that we've got a true gem of a tasting coming up. In fact, the tasting theme for March is **Hidden Gem Varietals** that will introduce us to some lesser known grapes that make for some mighty fine wines. The March tasting will be held at the home of our very own **Eileen Sien**, on Sunday **March 17** at 2 PM following our annual business meeting at 1 PM (see details below).

Our wine host for March will be Eileen's brother-in-law, Michael Sien, who has led tastings for our group for the past several years to great acclaim. As you may remember, Michael is a long-time restaurateur who has worked with many top Mid Atlantic area wine professionals. Michael is a wonderful presenter and very knowledgeable, so I know this will be a great tasting.

Please RSVP by March 13 via phone or email.

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

Annual Business Meeting March 17th 1 PM

As mentioned above, we will hold our annual business meeting at 1 PM immediately prior to the March tasting at Eileen's house. The agenda for this year's business meeting is as follows:

- Treasurer report
- Chapter membership growth
- House and wine host needs
- New tasting theme ideas

Last Month's News

I'd like to thank George and Jackie Grillon for once again opening their home to our group for the February tasting and to Robert Horrocks for doing such an excellent job as our wine host. We tasted some absolutely stunning Merlots and Robert really made it hard for us when the time came for voting. But as they say, when the going gets tough the tough get going, and, so, vote we did despite the challenge.

The voting results from the February tasting are shown below:

Wine	Retail Cost	Number of Votes
Chateau La Roche St. Jean Rose 2017	\$11.99	Omitted from vote
Milbrandt Estate 2012	\$29.99	8 (winner)
Truchard Estate 2012	\$29.99	0
Lapostolle Curvee Alexandria Chile	\$32.99	2
Falesco Montiano 2011	\$44.99	6
Chateau Simard Saint Emillon 2010	\$56.99	2
Molly Dooker The Scooter 2016	\$29.99	1

Miscellaneous

Upcoming Tasting Date Change: Since Easter occurs on the 3rd Sunday of April this year, we will have our April tasting Sunday, April 28. The June tasting for the National Tasting Contest falls, as usual, on Father's Day. The group voted in February to hold it on that day, June 16.

Chapter and AWS Dues: Please don't forget to pay your national AWS and local chapter dues. You can pay the national dues by mail or online. The AWS website is <https://www.americanwinesociety.org/page/renewyourmembership>. Chapter dues should be submitted to John Landon. Please let John Landon or me know if you have any questions.

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.

2019 Tasting Schedule

Month	House Host	Wine Host	Theme
January 1/20/19	Jerry & Dorothy Hampton	Janine Wilson	Reliable Reds
February 2/24/19	George & Jackie Grillon	Robert Horrocks	A Journey through Merlot: France, California, South America
March 3/17/19	Eileen Sien	Michael Sien	Hidden Gem Varietals Annual Meeting beforehand
April 4/14/19 or 4/28/19	John & Ann Carr	John Carr	TBD
May 5/19/19	Frank & Dolores Batavik	Nan Slick	Bargain White Burgundies
June 6/16	Ron & Linda Riley	Pat Valas	National Tasting: Terroir Study of Napa Valley
July 7/21/19	George & Jackie Grillon	N/A	Picnic
August 8/18/19	Jerry & Dorothy Hampton	Jerry & Dorothy Hampton	Greek Wines
September 9/22/19	?	Leroy Stewart & Simone Haslauer ??	TBD
October 10/20/19	Robert & Kelly Horrocks??	TBD	TBD
November 11/17/18	Bill & Michele Sadler	Nan Slick	The ABCs theme – The final episode
December 12/8/19	Corynne Courpas	John Landon	Champagne Soiree