



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

Those of you who have been in our chapter for a while know that there is a sizable contingent of members who really like big, luscious red wines. If, by any chance, you are one of them, our April tasting is going to be right down your alley.

And when I think of BIG REDS there's one name that comes to mind: John Carr. Yes, John is our wine host this month, and he will be leading us through what I'm sure will be a memorable tasting focused on truly gargantuan reds. The title of the tasting is, appropriately, **Big A__ Reds Revisted.**

John tells me that this will be the last tasting that he and Ann will be able to host for a while. So, in recognition of this historical event, this tasting will be a retrospective of those unctuous treats widely enjoyed at previous Carr tastings. WARNING: These will not be light and subtle reds. These will be viscous, bombastic reds, sure to stain your teeth. Whew! I'm salivating just writing this.

Not only will John be the wine host, but he and Ann will be our house hosts for April. The tasting will be on **Sunday April 28th at 2 PM** (note that this is the 4th Sunday of the month because of Easter).

Please **RSVP by April 24** by emailing John and Ann. When you do, please put "tasting" in the subject line.

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

NOTE: There is the possibility that this tasting will exceed \$30.00 per person.

Last Month's News

I'd like to extend sincere thanks to Eileen and Richard Sein for opening their home once again this year for our March tasting and to Eileen's brother in law, Michael Sein, for being our wine host. Michael did his usual fantastic job of sharing his extensive knowledge of wine in a fun and engaging manner. We got to taste wines made from some grapes many of us had never heard of, and the wines were really excellent. And if that wasn't good enough, Michael surprised us at the end with a mystery wine personally supplied by him. What a great tasting!

The voting results from the March tasting are shown below:

Wine	Retail Cost	Number of Votes
Dr. Heidermanns Riesling Burt Sekt (Warm up)	\$23.99	5
Rocca Felice Roero Arneis 2017	\$15.99	7
Donnachiara Fiano di Avellino 2017	\$18.99	10 (Winner, whites)
Palmalias Vermentino 2017	\$17.99	3
Cline Mourvedre 2016	\$14.49	16 (Winner, reds)
Gotin del Risc Bierzo Mencia 2016	\$15.99	2
Donnachiara Aglianico 2013	\$17.99	9

March Business Meeting Notes

We held our annual business meetings in March prior to the tasting. The main topics covered were as follows:

- Treasurer report: There was no treasurer report because John Landon was out of town. John will provide that information at our April tasting.
- Wine and House Hosts: We need to develop a list of people who are interested in serving as either house or wine hosts (or both). Please email me (hamptjr1@gmail.com) if you would like to consider serving in these capacities.
- Membership growth: We discussed membership growth of our chapter. Suggestions were given to use social media, brochures at wineries and retail stores to recruit new members. A Marketing Committee was formed consisting of members: Lynn Breeding, Linda Riley, Corynne Corpus, and Chris Koch. The committee will meet to discuss a) do we need/want to grow the chapter; b) if so, what are some recommended strategies for doing so. The committee will come up with ideas and share those with the chapter at a yet to be determined date.

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.

Seeking a House Host: Please note that we are in need of a house host for September. Please let me know if you would be willing to serve in that capacity.

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 4/28/19	John & Ann Carr	John Carr	Big A__ Reds
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	Meggan Robinson Mike Bareford Tracy Koch Chris Koch	Mystery Tasting
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