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May - 2019

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

Now that we are in the merry month of May with its flowers and warm weather, a wine lover's fancy inevitably lightly turns to thoughts of, well, lighter wines (apologies to the poet, Alfred Tennyson). So, what kind of lighter wines might we be tasting this month you ask? Well, not just any wines. We will be tasting wines from the renowned region of Burgundy, France. What a great way to usher in spring weather!

Our wine theme for May is **More Burgundy – Less Bucks: Burgundy From the Other Side of the Tracks!** Our wine host will be the incomparable Nan Slick who will be leading us through a tasting with examples of Burgundy wines from lesser known and/or other areas of Burgundy than the Premier Cru areas. Affordable Burgundy sounds like a winning combination to me. So, I'm definitely looking forward to this tasting.

The May tasting will be at the home of **Frank and Dori Batavik**, who generously offered their home last May also. The tasting will be on **Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM.**

**Please RSVP to the Bataviks by May 15 via phone or by email.**

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 once again opening their home to us for the April tasting and to John for leading the tasting. The theme was Big A-- Reds, and I'm sure you will agree with me that the wines definitely lived up to their billing. It was a wonderful tasting that provided a retrospective of some of John's favorite big reds from previous tastings he hosted. Thank you John and Ann for the many great tastings you've held at your home over the years!

The voting results from the April tasting are shown below:

<b>Wine</b>	<b>Retail Cost</b>	<b>Number of Votes</b>
Opener: Rocaliere Tavel Rose	\$19.99	Omitted from vote
Faustino Gran Reserva 2001	\$29.99	0
Chateau du Cedre "Vin Natural" Cahors Malbec 2016	\$29.99	1
Ridge Petite Syrah 2016	\$47.99	0
Hess Collection Cabernet Sauvignon Mount Veeder Napa Valley 2014	\$69.99	7
Krup Brothers Cabernet Sauvignon Stagecoach Vineyard Napa Valley 2008	\$104.99	14 (winner)
Zenato Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 2014	\$69.99	7

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## ***Miscellaneous***

**House Host Needed:** We need a house host for the August 18 tasting (see schedule below). If I can get that filled we will have our schedule all done for the remainder of this year. Please let me know if you would consider serving in that capacity. If you aren't sure what's involved, I'd be happy to discuss that with you, so just drop me an email.

**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**

<b>Month</b>	<b>House Host</b>	<b>Wine Host</b>	<b>Theme</b>
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	Big A-- Reds
May 5/19/19	Frank & Dolores Batavik	Nan Slick	More Burgundy – Less Bucks: Burgundy From the Other Side of the Tracks!
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	<b>?</b>	Leroy Stewart & Simone Haslauer	TBD
September 9/15/19	Jerry & Dorothy Hampton	Fran Kysela of Kysela Pere et Fils, Ltd.	Country French Wines
October 10/20/19	Robert & Kelly Horrocks	Tracy Koch and Meggan Robinson	A Mystery Tasting (BOO!)
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