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AMERICAN WINE SOCIETY
YEARS OF WINE DISCOVERY

January - 2020

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

From: Corynne Courpas, Chapter Chair

The theme for the January tasting will be Rioja Sampler and the wine host will be Janine Wilson. Janine will be presenting wines from the Rioja region of Spain that were selected with the help of Mike Bareford. Her goal is to offer the opportunity to learn more about what that region has to offer, while selecting wines that are affordable and available. All of the wines included are carried at College Square Liquors.

Our Tasting will be at **1 PM Sunday January 19 (note the time change with explanation below)** at the lovely home of Jerry and Dorothy Hampton. I will most likely miss this, my first meeting, as I will be flying back from Egypt that weekend. Thanks in advance to Jerry who will stand in as President emeritus.

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

Please Note Time Change for the January Tasting

Due to the fact that the AFC Championship game is scheduled for 3:05 PM on January 19, and the fact that the Ravens will, without question, be playing in that game, we are moving the start of the tasting to 1:00 PM to allow time to complete the formal tasting prior to the start of the game. Jerry and Dorothy will have the game on in the main tasting area and encourage everyone to stay and watch the game with them.

Last Month's News

Thanks to all for another festive Champagne tasting. I look forward to hosting as it gets me in the holiday spirit and forces the elves to get out those decorations early. The food contributions were amazing. And thanks to John Landon and Mike Bareford for a wonderful sampling of bubbies.

December is also our opportunity to support the American Wine Society Education Fund (AWSEF). Thanks to all for your generosity in supporting the industry that gives us so much enjoyment. Once again, Kelly Horrocks and Tracey Koch did a great job of collecting items, assembling baskets and getting delivered around my crazy schedule! And CONGRATULATIONS to all the lucky winners.

#1 Janine Wilson

#2 Pat Valas

#3 Charles and Roseann Hedges

#4 Dean Wilson

#5 Kelly and Robert Horrocks

#6 Dorothy and Jerry Hampton

And now for the results 🤔

Wine	Retail Price (\$)	Number of Votes
Le Grande Courtage Blanc de Blancs Brut	19.99	2
Badoz Cremant du Jura Brut Rose	22.99	6
Ravines Brut	35.99	2
Eric Taillet Brut Rose	49.99	5
Argyle Brut Rose	41.99	2
Henriot Brut Souverain	55.99	14 WINNER
Eric Taillet Sur le Grand Marais Brut Nature	99.99	2

Chapter and AWS Dues

Please don't forget to pay your national AWS and chapter dues for 2020. As a reminder, chapter dues are only \$10 per household, payable to CCAWS. You can pay John Landon in person at a tasting or mail it to him.

National AWS dues are as follows:

For one person - \$49 (for 1 year); \$124 (for 3 years)

For two people at same address - \$62 (for 1 year); \$158 (for 3 years).

To pay national AWS dues online, go to

<http://americanwinesociety.org/joinnow/> to join or renew your membership.

Please keep in mind AWS requires that everyone who participates in AWS activities, which includes local chapter tastings, must be AWS members. Non-members and guests can only attend two times per year.

Member Wine Discounts

The following establishments offer discounts to AWS members –

- College Square Liquors, Westminster
- Cranberry Liquors, Westminster
- Main Street Liquors, Hampstead
- Total Discount Liquors, Eldersburg
- Total Wine

2020 Tasting Schedule

Below is our current tasting schedule for 2020. We will be taking a Winter break in February due to lack of an available house host. The rest of the year has been filled out. THANK YOU, Jerry, for your great effort to get this done. I have big shoes to fill!

Month	House Host	Wine Host	Theme
January 1/19/20	Jerry & Dorothy Hampton	Janine Wilson	Rioja wines
February 2/16/20	"Vacation"		
March 3/19/20	Eileen Sien	Michael Sien	TBD
April 4/19/20	Simone Haslauer	Doc Desai	Douro Valley Wines
May 5/17/20	Frank & Dolores Batavik	Nan Slick	TBD

June 6/1621/20	Ron & Linda Riley	Pat Valas	National Tasting: Expanding & Exciting! Washington State AVAs, featuring Ste. Michelle Wine Estates Washington Portfolio
July 7/19/20	George & Jackie Grillon	N/A	Picnic
August 8/16/20	Mark & Donna Dougherty	Robert Horrocks	TBD
September 9/20/20	Joe & Lynn Breeding	Simone Haslauer & Leroy Stewart	TBD
October 10/18/20	Robert & Kelly Horrocks	Tracy Koch and Meggan Robinson (TBD)	TBD
November 11/22/20	Bill & Michele Sadler (TBD)	Nan Slick (TBD)	TBD
December 12/13/20	Corynne Courpas (TBD)	John Landon (TBD)	Champagne Soiree