



March - 2020

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

From: Corynne Courpas, Chapter Chair

Hi all,

I'm sure we are all looking forward to our **earlier than usual March 8** tasting at the home of Eileen Sien. Eileen and Michael are hard at work planning a team tasting challenge. She warns to make sure you bring your "A" game! It sounds like great fun, but perhaps a bit humbling.

Thanks to Eileen in advance for being the wine host and the house host!

RSVP by March 5 via email (NOTE: Change in email address – see our website, CCAWS.net) Or text/call her cell (see CCAWS.net/mobile)

Please note that we will start out with **our annual business meeting** so plan to arrive by **1:00**. I will add an AGENDA in this newsletter if you care to bring it with you. Of course, any additional thoughts are appreciated.

Eileen is purchasing a bit extra of the warm up so we will begin to enjoy at 1:45 as soon as the meeting wraps up.

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

Last Month's News

I received a note from our own Walt Rachele in his role as Treasurer of the American Wine Society Education Fund (AWSEF). Thanks to all for your generosity in supporting the industry that gives us so much enjoyment. Our recent contributions were in the amount of \$980.00. Our fund now totals \$4120.53. The group expects to award our scholarship in 2020. We are being asked if we'd like to designate this award "In Memory Of" or "In Honor Of". I've received some excellent suggestions and we'll offer a recommendation at the business meeting. Your thoughts can be sent to me by email from the CCAWS.net website's "Chapter Chair" email link to Corynne Courpas on the home page.

I appreciate all who came out in January despite the Winter doldrums. Thanks to Jerry and Dorothy for hosting. Janine Wilson gave a great presentation on Riojas. I am sure that she was very informative and am so sorry to have missed.

And now for a review of the JANUARY results

Wine	Retail Price (\$)	Number of Votes
Bodegas Faustino Blanco VII 2017 Warm up	12.99	0
Marques de Caceres Rosado 2018	10.99	0
Carlos Serres Reserva 2012	14.99	5
Marques de Riscal Reserva 2013	17.99	4
Marques de Caceres Reserva 2014	22.99	7 WINNER
Carlos Serres Gran Reserva 2008	24.99	1
Bodega Muga Reserva 2015	33.99	2

Chapter and AWS Dues

Please don't forget to pay your national AWS and chapter dues for 2020. I have received an updated roster for the National. If you have any questions about your current status, please reach out. 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 at the address in the [Membership Brochure](#).

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

Month	House Host	Wine Host	Theme
January 1/19/20	Jerry & Dorothy Hampton	Janine Wilson	Rioja wines
February 2/16/20	"Vacation"		
March 3/8/20	Eileen Sien	Michael Sien	Team Tasting Challenge
April 4/19/20	Simone Haslauer	Doc Desai	Douro Valley Wines
May 5/17/20	Frank & Dolores Batavik	Nan Slick	TBD
June 6/21/20	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

Proposed Agenda for Annual Meeting

- ***Treasurers Report***
- ***Dues Update***
- ***Scholarship dedication***
- ***Possible addition of a Vice Chair or Chair emeritus to our leadership to help with continuity and unplanned absence***
- ***Accessibility of Club materials to incoming Chair- What can we do to make transition simpler?***
- ***Chapter growth- A committee was formed last year, but does not seem to have been activated. (NOTE:As I was part of it, no aspersion 😊). Let's just revisit.***
- ***Frequency of emails- Do you want info passed along?***
- ***New Business?***
- ***Let's TASTE!***