



May - 2020

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

From: Corynne Courpas, Chapter Chair

Hi all,

The challenges continue. Advisedly but reluctantly, we are once again cancelling our gathering that was scheduled for May. Simone and Doc have been most gracious in their flexibility. We are brainstorming ways to "taste" remotely. Doc has the slides prepared and Simone is much more tech savvy than I. If only we could distribute the wines through the internet. If we come up with a plan, you'll hear from me, for sure.

I am also in contact with the Rileys and Pat Valas re: The National tasting project scheduled for June. Pat is prepared should we have an opportunity to proceed, perhaps with a smaller group... outside... too many questions remaining so please bear with me.

Pat has purchased wines. I am offering to buy some of the overages for myself. As I said to Pat, it's about all I am buying these days so I might as well keep my cellar stocked. Stay tuned for more info.

More thankful than ever that I have WINE in my life, with a wee bit of Scotch and Gin on occasion....

Last Month's News

Nothing to report officially for April, but if you are like me, you are "recycling a lot of empty bottles". I am thankful for the many sources we have that are delivering curbside and to our homes. If anyone needs a runner, call me. I am out at least 1 day per week for work.

IMPORTANT ADDENDUM to March notes that are repeated below. The **Winning Team was The "A" Team**. Members were Dorothy Hampton, Jerry Hampton, Jackie Grillon and Deb Jackson. Congrats to them on a job well done. Sorry I did not remember but, well, is too much wine a valid excuse?

What a great day hosted by Eileen and Michael! The team tasting challenge was indeed, challenging, but more importantly FUN. All got in the spirit for sure.

And now for a review of the March results

Wine	Retail Price (\$)	Number of Votes
Warm up Mumm Napa Brut CA	\$18.99	5
Val do Sosego 2018 Albarino Spain	\$15.99	6 WINNER
Dr. Heidemann's Bergweller Reisling 2018 Germany	\$16.99	1
Louis Latour Pinot Noir 2017 Burgundy	\$20.49	0
Cline Pinot Noir 2018 CA	\$16.59	0
Dom. Bousquet Cameleon Malbec 2018 Argentina	\$13.99	2
Truett Hurst Zinfandel 2017 CA	\$24.99	9 WINNER

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. [Send [email request](#) for address - DW]

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	Postponed		
May 5/17/20	Postponed	Doc Desai	Douro Valley Wines- DOC does hope to present at a later date!
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
