



Summer - 2020

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

From: Corynne Courpas, Chapter Chair

Hi all,
Well here goes...

First, I have spoken with the Grillons and understandably, our picnic is not going to be held in July. We have also cancelled August. I am going to wrap up the Summer of 2020 in one Newsletter and will be back to this in September. Of course, please reach out if you have any questions in the meantime. Sadly, I am not going ANYWHERE this Summer #

I do hope you are all getting emails from Dave at AWS regarding on line tastings. There is one for Banfi Tuscan wines Thursday July 9.

I did request some information from Wendy Weiss and will summarize how the Frederick Chapter has done three of the 2 oz. tastings. I would encourage any of you with time and the computer skills, to try to organize one of these for any group size you think feasible. I would assist in spreading the word. You could also have the kits sent to me and I would be happy help to distribute. Of course, tell them you are with AWS.

Frederick has tasted below, all lasting 45 minutes to an hour. I have included notes from Wendy in quotes:

Onxwines.com They worked with Kevin, "who was great. Very knowledgeable and great personality. And the wine was terrific." Two day shipping at \$25.00 per.

Hoytfamilyvineyards.com Shipping costs were much higher so all were shipped to one person for distribution. Wendy "did not think winemaker was as knowledgeable, but she was fine."

Mcvwines.com Also quite knowledgeable and receptive to questions.

We are still hoping to reschedule the National tasting! Thanks to Pat Valas for doing the research to find that the results are now due January 1 and that a virtual tasting will be offered at some point this year. Pat, Ron and others are still exploring ways for our Chapter to hold some tastings, especially with the new extended deadline. For now, the only thing I am sure of is that everything is subject to change.

Reminder that local Wineries have been cleared to open for outdoor service. The guidelines may be stringent enough for some of you to venture out in the prescribed groups of 6 or less.

I would also like to recommend Flood Zone Marketplace and Brewery in Union Bridge. It's an amazing transformation of the old grocery/hardware store! There is outdoor seating and protocols have been seamless on my visits.

I met the owner of 1623 Brewing Company at Paradiso the other night. He's a fellow Western Maryland College Alum. Looking forward to trying that out, too.

If you visit any of the suggestions, please share your plans and experiences and I will pass along to the group.

LAST MONTH'S NEWS

Another month of "not much news". # As restaurants phase back in, the challenges are unlike any I have seen in my 33 years of selling, nor my 50+ years in the industry. Still hoping to see all of you wonderful people soon to lift a glass to retirement! (Now set for October2)

I remain thankful for the many sources we have that are following the rules for safely acquiring our "adult beverages".

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 17 Ridge Road, Westminster, MD 21157.

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; A work in progress for sure

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	Postponed	Pat Valas	National Tasting: Expanding & Exciting! Washington State AVAs, featuring Ste. Michelle Wine Estates Washington Portfolio
July 7/19/20	Postponed	N/A	Picnic
August 8/16/20	Postponed	OPEN	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	Nan Slick	Snobby Wines-An Adventure with Hybrids
December 12/13/20	Corynne Courpas (TBD)	John Landon (TBD)	Champagne Soiree