



September - 2020

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

From: Corynne Courpas, Chapter Chair

Hi all,

I guess it's time for me to get busy, eh? We cannot let a tradition like this Chapter and the friends we have here fade away. With that in mind I do have some exciting things to report this month.

First, a big shout out to those who have been providing help and guidance, both locally and at AWS. I will mention some by name, but you all know who you are. With their help, we should wrap up 2020 (thankfully) with a bang.

I have sent along some events through National that I hope you have considered. One thing about our new format is that we will have more email exchanges for sure. I am getting this newsletter out now, but each tasting will involve several emails as details and ZOOM links firm up.

So first up, a big shout out to Dorothy Hampton. She has not only arranged a tasting for **SEPTEMBER 27 at 4 pm**, but has prepared a detailed synopsis. (*Click here. You will need the short password, posted in very large print at the top of the CCAWS homepage, www.ccaws.net*)

I will attach to this email. In short, please RSVP to Dorothy and order your wines from Total Discount [Liquors] by September 20.

I will assist in any way I can!

More NEWS ON THE LOCAL FRONT!

We have been provided the opportunity to secure adequate 2 ounce tasting bottles to begin additional Virtual tastings. I am working with Katie to access the National Zoom account to use for these. While attending Zoom meetings has become a daily occurrence for me, this will be my first foray into being an Admin. Be patient with me, please.

Now a big shout out to Bill Sadler who has secured 2 oz bottles that we can use for future ZOOM tastings! What do we do with them you ask??? I will attempt to explain and answer any and all questions. I've been prepped to do so, as a few of you can attest to. 😊😊😊

National is paying for 10 bottles for each of the 55 members of our Chapter. That is 550 bottles. When a tasting is scheduled a couple volunteers will gather (using all precautions) to sanitize and fill 1 bottle of each wine for each participant. So if there are 5 wines to be tasted and 25 people participating, we'll fill 125 little bottles on Saturday. Then multiple pick up sites will be designated and we will deliver packets to those who need.

Using this system, we now have a plan for the National tasting. I will be visiting Pat and Walt on September 13 to experience their Chapter. At that time I will gather the 8 wines that Pat has secured for our National Tasting. To that end, **I will need your RSVP's by September 12.** (I will purchase an extra bottle or 2 of each and take ownership if needed).

Several of us will gather safely on October 17 to fill the bottles for distribution. When you receive your samples, we will also plan to collect your payments. I will also work out tasting sheet availability with Pat.
The tasting will be on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 at 4:00 PM

Be aware that you can also partake of the 2 Zooms to be offered by National re: the tasting project. But that is on your own. I assume they will provide guidance to secure bottles you wish to purchase.

Next up for **NOVEMBER 4-7.** The AWS Conference is going virtual. This is your chance to partake from the comfort of home with the only cost being the purchase of wines. So whether you are celebrating or lamenting on November 4, THERE WILL BE WINE. More to follow.

Looking ahead to **DECEMBER,** Eileen has put out a great challenge for us bubbly fans. John Landon and some able assistants will attempt to track down some variety of "splits". These would be easy to distribute to interested members. Again, stay tuned

LAST MONTH'S NEWS
ASSUME YOU ARE ALL STILL ENJOYING WINE?

As I mentioned above several members have been hard at work. Right now, we still have as many questions as answers.

My October 2 retirement looms near and I promise to dedicate myself to looking ahead for our Chapter. All your help and input is welcomed.

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.

The address is available on the CCAWS Membership Brochure on our website: http://www.ccaws.net/index_htm_files/CCAWSMembershipBrochure2013.pdf

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/join-now/> 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; **FINALLY**, some additions ☺

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 9/27/20	ZOOM Purchase wines Total discount	Dorothy Hampton	South African wines
October 10/18/20 4:00	ZOOM Pick up 2 oz samples	Pat Valas	National Tasting: Washington State AVA's
November 4-7	National Conference	ZOOM	TBD
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December 12/13/20	Corynne Courpas (TBD)	John Landon (TBD)	Champagne Soiree