



February- 2021

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

From: Corynne Courpas, Chapter Chair

Hi all,

So much news this month! Please note there are some changes. I will apologize in advance for any issues this causes (including a conflict with the HSCC tasting), but we are doing our best to take advantage of opportunities. This has resulted in a much fuller calendar than just a month ago.

First, our March tasting will be **on Sunday, March 14**, a week earlier than normal and previously noted. We have the opportunity (Thank you Walt, Pat and Nan) to partner with the NoLoCo Chapter on a special tasting. Their Chapter President, Jennifer Crafts, shares the following.

For our March meeting, we are in for a special treat. The topic is Banfi Super Tuscans, and our presenter will be Sharron McCarthy, a nationally known food and wine consultant. As VP of Wine education for Banfi Vintners, she has conducted many seminars for consumers, members of the wine trade, and students. She is a Certified Specialist of Wine and served as the President of the Society of Wine Educators (SWE) from 2007-2010, she was elected Director Emeritus in 2012.

Sharron has been a presenter at many of the AWS National Conferences. In 2015, she was the recipient of the AWS Award of Merit. Most recently, for the AWS 2020 Virtual Conference, she presented the session "Bewitching, Beguiling, Bewildering Brunello", available at: AWS Virtual Conference Banfi & Sharron McCarthy, Brunello and Wines of Tuscany- You Tube.

This will be a 2 oz pour tasting so please RSVP by March 10 and indicate whether you wish to pick up at my house or Sadlers.

This meeting will start at 4:00. Because of the change, our **Business Meeting will now take place prior to the APRIL tasting at 3:00.** I am working on an agenda for the Business Meeting so PLEASE forward any ideas.

***Please return any bottles from previous tastings to Bill or me, but no special trips needed. You can do the next time we go back to small bottle pick ups.*

LAST MONTH'S NEWS

Our February tasting was quite a treat. Thanks to Doc and Roxanne for bringing Matt Cline of Three Wine Company to us. Matt has quite a story to tell about his 140 year old vines and the sand they grow in. All six wines were well received, but as you'll see, there was a real standout. Matt has extended the special shipping code CCWS10, in case you'd still like to try. I have ordered more of the Escapade and the Live Oak.

2019 Escapade White Wine Blend	2 Votes	\$20
2018 Old Vines Rose		\$16
2018 Zinfandel-Contra Cost County		\$18
2018 Field Blend Old Vines	1 vote	\$22
2016 Mataro Old Vines		\$26
2015 Zinfandel Live Oak	12 votes	\$36

Note: We had 23 attendees, but I was only able to capture above from the CHAT. If I missed your vote for another selection, do let me know!

Chapter and AWS Dues

Please don't forget to pay your national AWS and chapter dues for 2021. 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 found on the [Membership Brochure at ccaws.net](#)].

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
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2021 Tasting Schedule

Month	House ZOOM Host	Wine Host	Theme
January 1/17/2021	Jerry Hampton ZOOM	Janine Wilson	Test your palate
February 2/21/2021	Matt Cline Three Wine Company	Doc Desai	Old Vines
March 3/14/2021	Nan	NOLOCO partnership	BANFI Super Tuscan Wines
April 4/18/2021	Eileen Sein	Eileen?	NOTE: Business meeting at 3:00
May 5/16/2021	Bill Sadler	Nan Slick	Snobby Wines- An adventure with hybrids

June 6/20/2021	Riley	Pat Valas	NTP
July 7/18/2021	Grillon	BYOB & Surprise Champagnes	PICNIC! Grillons look forward to hosting on their lovely property!
August 8/15/2021	Desai	Douro	OR *****
September 9/19/2021	Horrocks	Old Westminster at Winery	??? *****
October 10/17/2021			
November 11/21/2021			
December 12/12/2021	Corynne Courpas (TBD)	John Landon (TBD)	Champagne Soiree

***** Subject to change. Very tentative at this point.
