



January 2024 Newsletter

To: Members and friends of the Carroll County, MD Chapter of the American Wine Society
From: Bill Sadler, Chapter Chair

As I sit writing this, the snow is falling, the temperatures are below 30 and the newscasters are telling us that the weather forecast isn't so dire that we need to horde toilet paper! One thing we can say about living in the land of pleasant living is that weather will never cease to provide us with a topic of conversation!

This month we get to welcome a new member to our chapter, Tammy Mangon. Corynne Courpas introduced many of us to Tammy at the December tasting but she is not a stranger to all of us as she is also friends with Robert and Kelly Horrocks. If you didn't have an opportunity to meet her at the December tasting, you'll get another opportunity on January 21st since she has graciously volunteered to host this month's tasting at her home in Westminster. Welcome, Tammy!

December 2023 Recap

Our house host, **Corynne Courpas**, provided a lovely locale for our annual sparkling wine celebration brought to us by wine host **Eileen Sien**. As you'll see from the votes below, it was a difficult decision trying to determine a winner as all the wines were quite lovely. Thank you, Corynne and Eileen for a great time!

Here are the tasting wines:

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| Warm-up: Jacqueline Leonne Brut | \$18 | 2 votes |
| Montaudon Extra Dry | \$45 | 2 votes |
| Heidsieck Monopole Blue Brut | \$42 | zero votes |
| Moet & Chandon Imperial Brut | \$53 | 3 votes |
| Cattier Premier Cru Brut | \$60 | 2 votes |
| Billecart Salmon Vintage Extra Brut 2009 | \$100 | 7 votes (winner) |
| Virginie T Brut Nature Millesime 2009 | \$90 | 6 votes |

While the final numbers are not available to me at this point, we also were able to raise money this month for the American Wine Society Education Fund through the basket raffles put together by **Kelly Horrocks and Tracey Koch** as well as silent auction baskets provided by **Dean and Becky Willson** and by **Pat Valas and Walt Rachele**. I'm sure that we're well on our way to sponsoring a new

scholarship in the near future. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this effort. The basket winners were: Corynne Courrpas, Jennifer & Gary Hein, Mark & Janine Wilson, Bill and Michele Sadler, and Robert and Kelly Horrocks.

January 2024 Tasting Information

Our first gathering for, 2024 will be held at the Westminster home of **Tammy Mangon** with **Nancy Slick and Bill Sadler** serving as wine hosts. The theme for this month is: “There’s no place like home.”

Please know that this tasting will likely exceed \$25 and I want to remind everyone to remember to bring a food dish for the shared table. A great party always is better with great food! Please RSVP as soon as you are able.

January 21, 2024 @ 2:00 pm

Tammy Mangon

[the location buttons on ccaws.net/mobile]

RSVP as soon as you are able to Tammy at:

[the RSVP links at ccaws.net and ccaws.net/mobile]

Chapter and AWS Dues

We will be collecting local chapter dues for 2024 at the January tasting, so if you didn’t pay in December please be prepared. Chapter dues are only \$10 per household, payable to CCAWS. You can pay John Landon in person at the 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 Discount

The following establishments offer discounts to AWS members (don't forget to show your card):

- College Square Liquors, Westminster
 - Cranberry Liquors, Westminster
 - Jeannie Bird Baking Company, Westminster
 - Main Street Liquors, Hampstead
 - The Wine Post, Glyndon
 - Total Discount Liquors, Eldersburg
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2024 Tasting Schedule

I'm still working on the tasting schedule for 2024. If you are interested in serving as a house or wine host, please reach out to me at [the **Chairperson** link on ccaws.net and ccaws.net/mobile] and we can set that up! There are lots of empty spots right now!

| Month | House Host | Wine Host | Theme |
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| January 1/21/2024 | Tammy Mangon | Sadler/Slick | There's no place like home |
| February 2/18/2024 | | | |
| March 3/17/2024 | Eileen Sien | Dorothy Hampton | It's not that easy being green |
| April 4/21/2024 | | | |
| May 5/19/2024 | Steve and Theresa Prevosto | TBD | TBD |
| June 6/9/2023 OR 6/23/2024 | | | National Tasting Project? |
| July 7/21/2024 | | BYOB | Picnic? |
| August 8/18/2024 | | | |
| September 9/15/2024 | Dan Reppe | | |
| October 10/20/2024 | Kelly & Robert Horrocks | | |
| November 11/17/2024 | | | |
| December 12/15/2024 | Corynne Courpas | | Sparkling Wine Gala |