



February 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, I have a heavy heart for I need to share the news of the passing of longtime member Richard Blosveren. Richard was battling an illness for the past few months, but he's now gone on to be reunited with his lovely bride Carmen. We mourn his loss but at the same time we cherish and celebrate the lovely memories we had with Richard over the years. There will be a memorial service for Richard in the Spring at a time still to be determined.

Our next tasting will be on St. Patrick's Day at the home of Eileen Sein with Dorothy Hampton serving as the wine host. We will skip the month of February since no one has stepped up to host. Enjoy your long President's Day weekend!

January 2024 Recap

Our house host, **Tammy Mangon**, provided a lovely snow covered locale for first tasting of 2024 brought to us by wine hosts **Nancy Slick** and yours truly. We had fun exploring wines from our own backyard featuring three great Maryland wineries in Big Cork, Boordy and Loew. 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.

Here are the tasting wines:

Warm-up: Boordy Spritz, 2022	\$15	11 votes (winner)
Boordy Albarino, 2022	\$18	3 votes
Loew Chardonnay, 2019	\$28	zero votes
Big Cork, Russian Kiss 2022	\$23	2 votes
Loew Barbera Nouveau, 2022	\$26	zero votes
Boordy Terra Maria, 2021	\$16	3 votes
Big Cork, Cabernet Franc 2020	\$30	9 votes (winner)
Loew Ancestry Red Blend, 2020	\$26	4 votes

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

We are still in need of hosts for April and August. 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
January 1/21/2024	Tammy Mangon	Sadler/Slick	There's no place like home
February 2/18/2024	CANCELLED		
March 3/17/2024	Eileen Sien	Dorothy Hampton Rick Clastar?	It's not that easy being green
April 4/21/2024			
May 5/19/2024	Steve and Theresa Prevosto	Nancy Slick	From Russia With Love
June 6/23/2024		Pat Valas	National Tasting Project?
July 7/21/2024	George and Jackie Grillon	BYOB	Picnic
August 8/18/2024			
September 9/15/2024	Dan Reppe		
October 10/20/2024	Kelly & Robert Horrocks	Tracy Koch	
November 11/17/2024	Eileen Sien	Becky Wilison	
December 12/15/2024	Corynne Courpas	TBD	Sparkling Wine Gala