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dessert Also; don't forget your dues for next year (see below).

Other items of interest—

Last month's Tasting, "Annual Champagne Tasting"—**John Landon** presented the topic to an energized crowd of revelers. The list of wines tasted and the favorites follow: Thank you as well to all the basket makers and congratulations to the winners. All for a great cause.

Champagne Tasting			
No.	Wine	Price	Votes
warm-up	Cordorniu Cava Brut	9	
1	Tissot Cremant Du Jura Brut	\$23	6
2	Tissot Cremant Du Jura Brut Rose	\$23	1
3	Champagne Moutard Brut Grande Cuvee	\$38	9
4	La Closerie Champagne Les Beguines Brut Nature	\$79	5
5	Gosset Grand Millesime 1999	\$98	10
6	Gosset Grand Rose	\$75	11

- ***A Little Bit of Tuscany*** is a new Italian wine bar and light-fare bistro you should check out on Main Street at Longwell in Westminster. (www.alittlebitoftuscany.com).
- ***Bud's at Silver Run*** is a new, casual fine dining restaurant right here in beautiful, downtown Silver Run, MD on Littlestown Pike (Rt. 97) between Mayberry and Silver Run Valley Roads. www.budsatsilverrun.com! **N.B we personally tried the restaurant for the first time on New Years Day and were not disappointed. A perfect match of elegance if you want it or dining in the bar if you want to be scruffy. Good value**
- ***Wine Me Up Wine Bar & Shoppe*** at 61½ E. Main Street in Westminster (www.winemeupshoppeandtavern.com) has been here since January so still qualifies as new, I suppose. Check it out.
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We were informed that just before the New Year Bob Kersey passed away in New Jersey. The Service will be held this Wednesday Jan 7th at 2 Dolphin Drive, Ocean Reef, Ocean City, NJ 08226. Our thoughts are with his family at this time, I know he will be missed by all that knew him.

Editorial: I would like to take my hat off to Lee for all the work and effort that he has given to this position in the last several years. He is such a wealth of knowledge and as I take over for him I am truly humbled by what he has brought to the table.

I will work at learning this post. Having been with the Society for a little over a year, I am still learning the ropes. Lee and I have been meeting and transitioning over the past few weeks and this will continue. Thank you for your faith in me and please feel free to bring any and all ideas to my attention. Thank you again.

Robert Horrocks



All...

The CCAWS February tasting will be at the home of Grillon's on Sunday February 15th at 2:00 pm.

The Grillon's with the help of Jackie Powers and Pennee Parker will present "A Love affair with Wine" featuring easy and fun to drink wines. This is also a good time to renew your CCAWS membership (see below). Please call the Grillon's by February 12th if you would like to attend—*the earlier, the better, because space is limited!* Please do not forget to bring something for the table. Also; don't forget your dues for next year (see below). The established drop dead date for renewal would be March 1, so please be sure to get that in so that you do not get dropped as an active member.

Other items of interest—

The Carroll County (MD) chapter met on January 18th at the home of the Evans' with the theme being, "Chili and Chilean"—**Pat Valas** presented the topic and was extremely informative about the wines of Chili, where the countries wine growing is today, where it is going and how the region aspects to other continents wine growing regions.. The presentation was complete with maps, handouts and some very good wine. The list of wines tasted and the favorites follow. You will see that there was a run away winner: Thank you as well to all the Chili chefs. A link to the website that Pat used to help with her presentation is pasted here: <http://www.winesofchile.org/>

Chilean Tasting			
No.	Wine	Price	Votes
warm-up	Frontera Chardonnay and Frontera Merlot	9	
1	Vinot Casablanca Nimbus Estates Sauvignon Blanc 2006	\$12	0
2	Estampa Reserve Sauvignon Blanc	\$12	1
3	Montes Cherub Rose of Syrah 2007	\$15	0
4	Calina Carmenere 2007	\$9	3
5	Root 1 Cabernet Sauvignon 2006	\$12	7
6	Montes Alpha Syrah 2006	\$23	20

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- **The March tasting also doubles as our Annual Meeting, so now would be a good time to begin thinking of items that need to be brought to the attention of the members. This gives us an opportunity to set our direction for the 2009 year, and close any loose ends from 2008.**
- **Welcome to new members Jeff and Joyce Romans and Peter and Pat Tabatsko... Glad to have you in the Society.**

This message from Lynn Breeding who won one the baskets from the December tasting:

“Joe and I would like to extend our appreciation to the team for the lovely baskets. We won one of them and had fun exploring all the basket's accessories as well as the wine. It's really wonderful that your group is continuing a tradition that also serves to provide contributions for the Education Fund. An extra thank you to Jackie for the earrings which I love.”

Robert Horrocks



All...

The CCAWS March tasting will be at the home of the Johnston's on Sunday March 15th at 2:00 pm.

The Johnston's will present "**South African Wines**". This is also **the last time to renew** your CCAWS membership (see below). Please call the Johnston's' by March 12th if you would like to attend. They have asked to keep the message short as they may not be able to get to the answer machine, or e mail your RSVP to emily@carr.org—*the earlier, the better, because space is limited!* Please do not forget to bring

something for the table. The established drop dead date for renewal would be March 1, so please be sure to get that in so that you do not get dropped as an active member. I am currently working on the cards for those that have.

Other items of interest—

The Carroll County (MD) chapter met on February 15th at the home of the Grillon's with the theme being, "**A love affair with Wine**"—**Larry and Jackie Powers** presented the topic as **Penne Parker** was not able to attend and did an excellent job of filling in. The theme of the event was to showcase wines of good value that could be easily paired with foods at short notice and in fact might be in your cellar already. We voted for our favorites in white and red separately. There was some discussion about the Marietta being the right one.

A Love Affair With Wine			
No.	Wine	Price	Votes
warm-up	NV Paul Cheneau Cava	\$13	12
1	2006 Domaine de la Croix Senaillet Pouilly-Fuisse	\$33	5
2	2006 Domaine de Chevaunet-Touraine Sauvignon Blanc	\$16	6
3	2005 Bourgogne Rene Le Clerc	\$25	2
4	2004 Lan Rioja Reserva	\$18	4
5	2005 Pedroncelli Dry Creek Sauvignon	\$24	14
6	Marietta Old Vine Red Lot 48	\$13	6

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- **The March tasting also doubles as our Annual Meeting, so please bring to the table any items of concern, interest or just plain fun that you might like to see us address. I will go through the bylaws and make sure that they are still current and if they need to be changed at all.**
- **There is a wine maker that has equipment for sale, so please call me if you are interested and I will put you in touch with each other.**
- **I have also attached the National News Letter.**

Robert Horrocks

April 4th, 2009



All...

The CCAWS April tasting will be at the home of John Pardoe with Becky Wilson as the host on Sunday April 19th at 2:00 pm.

The Pardoe's and Wilson's will present "Are you ready for a three way". This is not what you might think, although it might boost attendance.. Please call the Pardoe's' by April 15th at if you would like to attend. *—the earlier, the better, because space is limited!* Please do not forget to bring something for the table. CCAWS cards have been sent out. Please let me know if you did not receive yours. It could be that I missed you by accident or that at the time of mailing you were not also showing as a member of the AWS, which is a requirement to receive a card

Other items of interest—

The Carroll County (MD) chapter met on March 15th at the home of the Johnston's with the theme being, "Goats do Roam, which was a clever comparison of some South African wines doing this in a tongue in cheek manner and wines from Cote Du Rhone in France. There may even have been a goat present, except that it was raining, and we will make no assertions as to whether there were still some goats present! Looking at the price of the most expensive wine and the comparison amount of votes for the favorite, it proves that price is no defining factor for popularity or taste.

A Love Affair With Wine				
No.	Wine	Price		Votes
warm-up	La Vielle Ferme Cotes Du Luberon 2007 1.5 litre	\$15		0
1	Goats do Roam White	\$9		2
2	Perrin Reserve Cotes Du Rhone 2007	\$11		1
3	Goats do Roam Red	\$9		0
4	Monitirius Cotes Du Rhone 2007	\$17		15
5	Goat Roti 2006	\$19		9
6	Paul Jaboulet Aine Cote Rotie Les Jumelles 2005	\$82		6

- *A Little Bit of Tuscany* is now offering discounts on off sale wine, and will be having a wine dinner on May 19th
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- We had our Annual Meeting at the last wine tasting and the bylaws were reviewed. It was decided that
 - The cost of tastings should read above \$12.00 with notice being given if the tasting cost was going to reach \$25.00 or more per tasting
 - We decided to keep the current venue format, but are looking for an open spot to have a field trip organized by a person who would like to host, but perhaps does not have the space.
 - Ron Riley and Jackie Powell agreed to search out more current new articles to be posted to the web.. Currently some of the ones on the web are really quite old
 - We would only put news in the letter about the wine restaurants if something new was happening at the restaurant. We will also be seeking a monetary donation for the scholarship fund to continue the links on the web site. It was felt that this was win win as the restaurants and other partners could use it as a tax deduction.
 - We shelved the recipe book idea for now.
- Please see attached also a list of items that are in the lost and found. Items not claimed will be donated.

Robert Horrocks

LOST & FOUND

The following stuff has been forgotten or abandoned over the last year or so. Please claim, else it goes into the Christmas Baskets this December! Contact Emily at Emily@carr.org to register your claim.

Large clear glass platter, about 14", pebble effect.

10" plate – "Spode Archive Collection – Rome", burgundy on white

11.5" clear glass plate, with 3 horse heads on it

9.5" square serving plate, blue/white, vaguely oriental

Straw paper-plate holder

1 pair sunglasses, wrap-around style

1 pair reading glasses

2 scarves: (1)black, feels like cashmere (I'll keep this one!)
(2)tri-tone gray, knit or woven, long



All...

The CCAWS May tasting will be at the home of Mike and Susann Barbour as the house host on Sunday May 17th with Nancy Slick as the wine host. The topic will be Wild and Wacky Whites

Please call the Barbour's by May 13th if you would like to attend. Following Are You Ready for a Three Way, being wild and wacky seems very apt —*the earlier, the better, because space is limited! Especially parking*. Please do not forget to bring something for the table. CCAWS cards have been sent out. Please let me know if you did not receive yours. I think that I have everyone now but could be wrong.

Other items of interest—

The Carroll County (MD) chapter met on March 19th at the home of the Pardoe's with the theme being, “**Are you ready for a three way.**” We were all very excited to see what awaited and were not disappointed. Yes we did actually taste some wine, but this was with a very unique twist! There was no scoring of the wines and instead the concept was to test the theories and myths surrounding letting wine breathe. To breathe or not to breathe was the question. 4 wines were opened. Each either for immediate consumption, 1 hour prior and 24 hours prior. All were poured into wide mouth carafes. 2 were tested during the tasting and two were tested during the social hour. During the tasting, we opened tasted a \$21.00 bottle of Chateau Malmaison Bordeaux 2003 and a \$40.00 bottle of Folie a Deux Cabernet Sauvignon Lewelling Vineyard Napa 2005. We did not know in advance what the wine was or its cost and we were not comparing one wine over the other, merely which tasted better depending on the amount of time it was left to breathe. The consensus of the group turned on its head a lot of thoughts in that the cheaper of the 2 was felt by the majority to taste better after a full 24 hours in the carafe, while we were split on the more expensive between immediate and one hour.

One can draw a lot of conclusions, but for some it vindicated the odd sensation that occasionally that half finished bottle, like a good casserole, tasted better the next day!!!

We then had a good time exploring the various methods available today to help wine breathe more quickly. A big thank you to the Wilson's for putting on such a creative tasting, and naturally to the Pardoe's for opening their home

Are you ready for a Three Way (to breathe or not to breathe)			
No.	Wine	Price	Votes
warm-up	Folie a Deux Sauvignon Blanc	\$16	0
1	Folie A Deux Napa Merlot 2007	\$17	0
2	Folie a Deux Cabernet Sauvignon Lewelling Vineyard Napa 2005	\$40	0
3	Notro Sangiovese Bonarda 2007	\$9	0
4	Chateau Malmaison Bordeaux 2003 Rothschild Moulis en Medoc	\$21	0

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- ***Bud's at Silver Run*** is participating in the Taste of Carroll at the Antrim which benefits the Carroll Hospice. www.budsatsilverrun.com!
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- The AWS is seeking people to assist in the VP role, which is a 2 year commitment.
- The tasting at the Riley's will be the National Tasting project on Zinfandel
- At the last tasting someone was looking for seeds for the yellow and red striped tomato. Emily Johnson has a couple of extra plants.

Robert Horrocks



All...

The CCAWS June tasting will be at the home of Ron and Linda Riley with Nancy Slick as the wine host on Sunday June 21st, Fathers Day at 2:00 pm. No better way that I can think of to celebrate!

The Riley's and Nan will present "The AWS National Tasting Project on ZINS". This should be great and there have been several chapters that have already completed this. A Huge thank you to the hosts for doing this for us. Please respond by June 17th if you would like to attend. *—the earlier, the better, because space is limited!* Please do not forget to bring something for the table. **Other items of interest—**

The Carroll County (MD) chapter met on May 17th at the home of the Evanses with the theme being, "Wild and Wacky Whites, which was presented by Nancy Slick. Below are the wines presented and the scores

Wild and Wacky Whites			
No.	Wine	Price	Votes
warm-up	Callia Pinot Grigio 2008 Argentina	\$10	0
1	Domaine de la Quilla, 2007 Muscadet Sevre, Loire Valley	\$12	4
2	Laplace Pacherenc Du Vic Bilh Sec 2006, France	\$17	0
3	Domaine Labbe Aymes 2007, France	\$13	0
4	Movia Ribolla, 2006 from Slovenia	\$31	6
5	Ferrando Erbaluce Di Caluso, 2007, from La Torrazza Italy	\$21	12
6	Domaine Schoffit Chasselas, 2007 from Alsace, France	\$22	3
7	Toad Hollow Risque from Limoux France in California	\$17	0

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- **Other News**
 - Some of the lucky winners of the Christmas Baskets still have them. Can you please return them to Emily Johnston
 - The August Tasting will be on the 2nd Sunday in August and the September tasting on the 4th. Please note the changes
 - Cranberry Liquors will be hosting a scotch tasting at Maggie's Restaurant, please check the website. Also Nan announced that Betty Kreder is the new Wine Club Manager for the state of Pennsylvania.
 - Walt announced that we have finished funding our second scholarship in memory of Joe and Nettie Wood. We currently have \$965.00 towards our next scholarship. The scholarships are for \$3,500.
 - A reminder that the tasting schedule is available on our website. A big thank you to Dean Wilson for maintaining this.
 - There have been several requests for me to share the contact information of members. If you have a problem with this please e mail me so that I can hide your information before sending it out.
 - Thank you to Anna Stewart for taking the minutes at the last meeting.
 - Isaac Baker had a letter published in the June Wine Spectator, see below in case you do not subscribe

Editor:

I am writing to thank James Laube for his article titled "Our Survival Kit" published in the Feb. 28 issue.

Mr. Laube, in an almost poetic fashion, describes why he, I and surely all readers of your publication, love wine. Even in these harsh times, where uncertainty and fear are touching millions, wine offers solace, peace and realism. It invites us to stimulate not only our sense of smell and taste, but our minds, our hearts and our imaginations. It offers us a trip to far away lands. It provides us with a chance to reflect on the past and gives us a glimpse of what's to come. Wine begs us to slow down and appreciate life's little treats. "People cling to wine," Laube writes, "because it is genuine." That's very true. And Mr. Laube's article was a genuine joy to read.

Robert Horrocks



All...

The CCAWS July tasting will be the Annual BBQ and Pool Party at the Grillons' that is a family affair so feel free to bring your children if you please on Sunday July 19th, starting at 2:00 pm

George and Jackie have generously opened their home for the event and all you need to do is RSVP by Tuesday July 14th to bring a dish to share and one or two bottles of wine. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and condiments will be supplied. —*the earlier, the better, because space is limited!*

The Carroll County (MD) chapter met on June 21st at the home of the Rileys' with the theme being, "The National Tasting Project on ZINS", which was presented by Nancy Slick. The tasting was administered blind and the results are being reported up to the AWS. The setting was wonderful and many thanks to Ron and Linda as well as Nan for putting this together

National Tasting Project on California Zins..			
No.	Wine	Price	Votes
warm-up	Louis Latour Adreche Chardonay, Ponga SB, Menage a Trois White Blend (not voted on due to the National Project.)	0	0
1	Peachy Canyon incredible Red Pasa Robles 2006	\$14	0
2	Rancho Zabaco Heritage Vines 2007	\$16	10
3	Ridge Sonoma Valley 2007	\$27	6
4	7 Deadly Zins Lodi 2007	\$19	10
5	Gnarly Head Old Vine Zin, Lodi 2006	\$10	1
6	Rosenblum California Zin Vintners Cuvee XXX	\$14	2
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- *Bud's at Silver Run* July 20th - will team with College Square Liquors and taste 15 wines, 15 appetizers and have 15 giveaways! For the all inclusive price of \$45. . www.budsatsilverrun.com!
- *Wine Me Up Wine Bar & Shoppe* now offers live music on Thursdays and Saturdays (www.winemeupshoppeandtaVERN.com)
- *Serpents Ridge Vineyard* is now also offering a 15 percent discount to CCAWS members for wine sales. A tasting is \$5.00 and you get to keep the glass.. well worth a visit. <http://www.serpentridge.com/>

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Robert Horrocks



uly 27th, 2009 All...

The CCAWS August tasting will at the home of the Haslauer's and the theme will be **Austrian Wines - from Auslese to Zweigelt** on Sunday August 9th at 2:00 pm. Please note this is the **Second Sunday**. Peter and Simone with the help of friend Klause Wittauer will present the tasting. It is exciting to explore this region. Please respond by August 5th; the earlier the better as we know that space is always limited. Remember to bring something for the table

George and Jackie generously opened their home once again for the Annual Pool Party. I unfortunately was on vacation so have Lee and Anna to thank for getting the Hamburgers etc, something that normally falls to the President to do.

This is a lot of work for the hosts, so again a huge Thank You to George and Jackie for doing this again. I have heard that a good time was had by all and that Lee once again was taking all challengers at the Horse Shoe Pit. If anyone actually beat him, please step forward!

I expected to see some facebook entries, but alas nothing has shown up ⑩

🕒 Other News

- The September tasting on the 4th Sunday .. Please note the changes
- The Wine Festival is during the 3rd Weekend in September
- A reminder that the tasting schedule is available on our website.
- Attached is also a lovely letter from the Educational Foundation regarding the scholarships that we helped fund
- Also attached the detailed scoring sheet that I sent to the AWS for the Zin tasting held in May

- ***A Little Bit of Tuscany*** is now offering discounts on off sale wine

□ ***Buds at Silver Run currently has the following August event August 17, 2009***

Carroll's Caribbean Carnival comes your way! Benefiting WISH (Women's Indicatives Supporting Health) a part of Carroll Hospital Tickets are available online at www.carrollWISH.org Seating is limited! Ken has put together a fabulous menu that includes but is definitely not limited to Pastechis, Spicy Marinated Flank Steak Cartegena and Chicken Tandoori Skewers for the appetizers. Entrees include Grilled Spiny Lobster, Baked Snapper and Cuban Style Pork Loin! 70% of your ticket price goes directly to WISH and Carroll Hospital!

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The CCAWS September tasting will be “Thirsty for Hungary?” on the 4TH SUNDAY 9/27/09 starting at 2:00 p.m at the home of the Barbours’ with Doug Klapac (a friend of Lee) presenting. The Stewarts’ and the Barbours’ have had fun testing the wine! So we are on a European tour! Mike always stresses to get your reservation in early, because parking is limited.

Mike and Susann have generously opened their home for the event and all you need to do is RSVP by Tuesday September 22nd, bring a dish to share for the table —the earlier, the better, because space is

limited!

The Carroll County (MD) chapter met on August 9th at the home of the Hasslauer’s with the theme being, “Austrian Wines, which was presented by Simone and Klaus Wittauer. The tasting standing room only and we were treated to great educational presentation complete with a large screen power point! No lederhosen were in evidence! The wines tasted certainly presented well and I am sure changed some perceptions. Hopefully we can find some in the future at our stores. The presentation is currently available on the website. We voted on favorite reds and whites separately.

Austrian Wines from A to Z			
No.	Wine	Price	Votes
warm-up	Anton Bauer Grüner Vetliner Gmörk 2008	\$10	2
1	Tegernseerhof T 26 Grüner Vetliner 2008	\$14	8
2	Steininger Grand Grü Grüner Vetliner 2007	\$25	11
3	Stauss Samling 88- Scheurebe 2008	\$12	14
4	Leo Hillingr Small Hill Red	\$17	1
5	Anton Bauer Zweigelt	\$16	19
6	Anton Bauer Cuvee 12 Wagram	\$19	12

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- **Other News**

- We are looking to fill our 2010 calendar with wine hosts. I have attached a spread sheet. Several of you have indicated at the tastings that you would like to host. Please fill out your first and second preferences of dates and return to me by e mail, so that we can begin to complete that calendar. You can also stop by the booth at the wine festival and Becky Wilson will help you fill out the form. We really appreciate that you like to host. Thank you Becky in advance for helping with this. The website has a link that tells us how to host etc.
- A reminder that the tasting schedule is available on our website.
- There have been several requests for me to share the contact information of members. The list is attached. Please do not share the e mails with anyone outside the society. If you see a discrepancy, please let me know and I will fix this for you.
- By now you should have received an e mail from the AWS to reset your passwords etc. If you have not, please contact them through the new website.

- *A Little Bit of Tuscany* is now offering discounts on off sale wine.

- *Bud’s at Silver Run* September 28th – Women who Wine returns!

- *Wine Me Up Wine Bar & Shoppe* now offers live music on Thursdays and Saturdays (www.winemeupshoppeandtavern.com) Also don't miss the weekly specials! No corkage fee on Tuesdays, bottle specials on Wednesdays and on Friday Happy Hour, receive half off wine by the glass from 4pm-7pm on Fridays!

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October 5th, 2009

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The CCAWS October tasting will be “The Wine Districts of Napa- A comparison of AVA and how the soil types and micro climates result in wines of distinct character; on Sunday 10/18/09 starting at 2:00 p.m at the home of the Carrs’

John and Anne have generously opened their home for the event and all you need to do is RSVP by Tuesday October 13th, bring a dish to share for the table —the earlier, the better, because space is limited! The price for this tasting is likely to exceed the normal range but should be no more than \$25.00

per person.

The Carroll County (MD) chapter met on September 27th the home of the Barbour’s with the theme being, “Thirsty for Hungary? which was presented by Doug Klapac (a friend of Lee and Anna Stewart). The tasting was held outside on a surprisingly lovely afternoon. Doug shared his insights into the wine from this country and Lee and Anna sourced the wine from as far away as New Jersey! We have been treated to a European tour for the last couple of months without having to fork out the airfare. Hopefully we can find some in the future at our stores. We voted on an overall favorite. Doug also brought a wonderful Tokaji that he got in Hungary that we tasted, but did not vote on.

National Tasting Project on California Zins..			
No.	Wine	Price	Votes
warm-up	Nyakis Budai Sauvignon Blanc 2006	\$14	4
1	Monarchia Cellars Pinot Grigio 2007	\$11	3
2	Irsai Olivia 2007 (obtained from the Hungarian Embassy)	\$14	3
3	Soprani Kekfrankos 2003 (obtained from NJ)	\$9	0
4	Takler Noir Gold Kekfrankos 2004	\$35	7
5	Vylyan Pino Noir 2005 (obtained in NJ)	\$19	6
6	Vylayab Vinum Zweigelt 2005	\$23	6
7	Villanyi Kekoporto 2003 (obtained in NJ)	\$11	0

Check our web site (www.CCAWS.net) for upcoming tastings.

• Other News

- It looks like we have filled the calendar for 2010 with House Hosts with a few Wine Hosts still needed. Thank you Becky for helping with this. January is still open and I am checking into whether Serpent Ridge would do a tasting for us.. More later on that.
 - A reminder that the tasting schedule is available on our website.
 - A very important note: It is vital that if you RSVP to a tasting, you attend or cancel within 24 hours of it. If you add the votes on the wines you will see that it totals 29. There were at least 40 RSVP's. Inflated numbers make the cost of the tasting greater for those that attend, and may also prevent someone who wanted to come, from doing so. Please be courteous to your wine and house host by following through with this basic social grace.
 - It is our Annual Fundraiser Drive time again. Monies for this go to our Scholarship fund. We need denotations for the baskets that we raffle at the champagne tasting in December. Typically a bottle of wine for \$10.00 or more, not including the discount, or a separate check in lieu of this.. and a \$25.00 check made out for the Scholarship Fund. Checks can be made out to AWSEF. These can be mailed to Penee, or simply brought to the next tasting. Remember that to win a basket during the Champagne tasting, you have to have donated. This is for a really great cause so please consider giving something to help out others. Other members that you can send or give items to are Emily Johnston and Jackie Powers.
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- A Little Bit of Tuscany is now offering discounts on off sale wine.
 - Bud's at Silver Run September 28th – Women who Wine returns!
 - Wine Me Up Wine Bar & Shoppe now offers live music on Thursdays and Saturdays (www.winemeupshoppeandtavern.com) Also Don't miss the weekly specials! No corkage fee on Tuesdays, bottle specials on Wednesdays and on Friday Happy Hour, receive half off wine by the glass from 4pm-7pm on Fridays!
 - Serpents Ridge Vineyard is now also offering a 15 percent discount to CCAWS members for wine sales. A tasting is \$5.00 and you get to keep the glass.. well worth a visit. <http://www.serpentridge.com/>



November 6, 2009

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The CCAWS November tasting will be “**Rhône Wines from the North and South**” presented by Bill Eisberg on Sunday 11/15/09 starting at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Mary and Mike Evans.

Mary and Mike have generously opened their home for the event and all you need to do is RSVP by Tuesday, November 10, and bring a dish to share for the table —*the earlier, the better, because space may be limited!*

The Carroll County (MD) chapter met on October 18th at the home of the Carrs with the theme being, “**The High-Altitude Wine Districts of Napa—A Comparison of AVA and How the Soil Types and Micro Climates Result in Wines of Distinct Character**” presented by John Carr and Michael Bareford (College Square Liquors). The tasting was held in the Carrs’ recently renovated home to wide acclaim for both the renovations and the spectacular lineup of wines John and Michael presented. We voted on an overall favorite.

The High-Altitude Wine Districts of NAPA—a Comparison			
No.	Wine	Price	Votes
warm-up	X Winery, Los Carneros Pinot Noir 2007	\$23	1
1	Atlas Peak Cabernet Sauvignon 2004 (96% Cab. Sauv./3% Petit Verdot/1% Merlot) (AVA Mt. Veeder)	\$82	5
2	Atlas Peak Cabernet Sauvignon 2003 (AVA Spring Mtn.)	\$82	1
3	Constant Vineyard 73% Cab. Sauvignon/18% Merlot 9% Cab. Franc 2004 (AVA Diamond Mtn.)	\$97	10
4	Ladera Cabernet Sauvignon 2003 (AVA Howell Mtn.)	\$70	20
5	Krupp Bros. 37% Tempranillo/28% Merlot/21% Malbec/14% Cab. Sauvignon 2006 (AVA Atlas Peak)	\$90	6

Becky Wilson announced that the next CCAWS Scholarship will honor Emily and Jack Johnston (both very much alive!) for their pioneering efforts in founding CCAWS as well as their continued hard work and support of our group, including running the Wine Education & Appreciation Seminars at the Maryland Wine Festival (MWF), Amateur Wine Judging at the MWF and a host of other things too numerous to mention!! See below for further details on how you can help hasten the time to award this scholarship.

We welcome new members Janine and Mark Wilson!

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• Other News

- We have filled the calendar for 2010 with House Hosts with a few Wine Hosts still needed. Thank you Becky for helping with this. We have confirmed that January tasting will be at Serpent Ridge with a tour of the tasting room and a vertical tasting of their wine.
 - A reminder that the tasting schedule is available on our website.
 - December tasting will be the annual champagne tasting at the home of the Blosverens, with John Landon hosting the wines. We all look forward to this gala event and seeing everyone dressed up. Naturally it is also when we draw for the prizes for the scholarship fundraiser.. more below on this
 - It is our Annual Fundraiser Drive time again. Monies for this go to our Scholarship fund. We need donations for the baskets that we raffle at the champagne tasting in December, including a bottle of wine for \$10.00 or more (after the discount) or a separate check in lieu of this *and* a \$25.00 (or more—be generous!) check made out for the Scholarship Fund. Checks can be made out to AWSEF. These can be mailed to Penece at 330 Innisbrook Lane, Westminster, MD 21158 or simply brought to the next tasting. Remember that to win a basket during the Champagne tasting, you must have donated. This is for a really great cause so please consider giving something to help out others. Other members that you can send or give items to are Emily Johnston and Jackie Powers. This tasting will be the last one that we can raise money for the event.
 - Welcome to new members Janine and Mark Wilson
 - Finally a huge thank you from Kelly and I for all the thoughts, concern and help offered and received relative to Kelly’s surgery. She is recovering well and gets better every day. Thank you Lee for putting the first half of this letter together, as with everything going on I had to reach out for assistance.
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- *A Little Bit of Tuscany* is now offering discounts on off-sale wine.
 - *Bud’s at Silver Run* November 30th – “Women who Wine” returns!
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November 30th, 2009

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The CCAWS December tasting will be **Our annual champagne tasting and auction** presented by John Landon on Sunday 12/13/2009 starting at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Richard and Carmen Blosveren. Richard and Carmen have generously opened their home for the event and all you need to do is RSVP by Tuesday, December 10th, bring a dish to share for the table —*the earlier, the better, because space may be limited!* A word to newer members.. People dress up for this as it also serves as our annual party.

The Carroll County (MD) chapter met on November 15th at the home of the Evans with the theme being, “**Rhone Wines From North to South**” presented by Bill Eisberg. The tasting was held in the Evans’ on a glorious fall day and we enjoyed sitting on the pool deck after for the social. We voted on an overall favorite. Of note was how much more popular the southern blended Rhone’s were compared to the single varietals northern, as well as some discussion as to whether some of the northern may have been blended to soften them.

Rhone Wines North to South			
No.	Wine	Price	Votes
Wam-up	Dom.Lafron Lirac 2008 White (south)50% Grenache Blanc, 30% Roussanne, 20% Viognier	\$18	1
1	Dom Grand Nicolet, Rasteau 2006, (South) 80% Grenache, 20% Syrah (45 year old Vines)	\$21	6
2	Dom De La Maurelle Gigndas 2007 (south) 60% Grenache, 30% Syrah, 10% Mouvedre	\$25	4
3	Laurus Chateauneuf-Du-Pape 2003 (south) Grenache, Syrah, Mouvedre	\$39	11
4	Ferraton Pere & Fils Crozes-Hermitage 2006 (north) 100% Syrah	\$19	0
5	Cuilleron St Joseph “ Les Serines” 2006 (North) 100% Syrah	\$76	2
6	Robert Michael Cornas “ Cuvee de Corteaux” 2005 (North) 100% Syrah	\$58	7

- **Don't forget your dues** of \$10 to CCAWS (Carroll County Chapter of the American Wine Society) **AND** your membership obligation (dues, \$62 for 2010) to AWS (American Wine Society). Consider this a reminder that you **must** maintain membership in AWS (our parent organization) to remain a member of CCAWS. See www.AmericanWineSociety.org for details of online management of your AWS membership. You can call AWS during business hours at 678-377-7070 to take care of it that way. The website has been updated and you will need to log on and verify your personal information to submit. Dues will be due starting January 2010

CCAWS Membership Cards—Bona fide member of CCAWS, viz., AWS membership + CCAWS dues paid (see previous bullet), will be sent 2010 CCAWS membership cards in the mail. These are primarily for verifying to the growing stores, wine bars and vineyards that offer the discount of 20 percent on non sale wines or off premise wines

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• **Other News**

- A reminder that the tasting schedule is available on our website.
- January tasting will be at Serpent Ridge. I will pass more information on with the January News Letter
- If you donated to the annual fundraiser, enjoy a chance to win a fabulous basket at the champagne tasting
- Welcome to new members Jerry and Chris Benson, new members who were guests at the last tasting and joined that day! See what a fun group we are..
- Expect the champagne tasting to be more costly than the usual, but probably not more than \$30.00 per person
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- *A Little Bit of Tuscany* is now offering discounts on off-sale wine.
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