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The CCAWS January tasting will be **held at Serpent Ridge Winery hosted by owners Greg and Karen**. We will be treated to a tasting of the Serpent Ridge selections. This will be on Sunday 1/17/2010 starting at 2:00 p.m. in the tasting room (2962 Nicodemus Road, Westminster, Md) As a group I know that we are excited and honored to have this opportunity.

Greg and Karen have generously opened their vineyard for the event and all you need to do is RSVP by Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, bring a dish to share for the table **—the earlier, the better, because space is limited to about 30!**

The Carroll County (MD) chapter met on December 13th at the home of the Blosverens' with the theme being, **“The Annual Champagne Tasting and Basket Drawing”**. Much fun and revelry was had with some learning thrown in, as well as the basket drawings. For winners of the baskets (proceeds of which go to our scholarship) see below. We voted on an overall favorite Champagne. As can be seen, once again expense had no bearing on the winner. Fun to see everyone dressed up, and as is tradition there was even carol singing in the basement!

Annual Champagne Tasting			
No.	Wine	Price	Votes
warm-up	Jean Claude Thevenet Blanc de Blanc Chardonnay	\$23	0
1	Champagne Ayala Majeur Brut	\$50	0
2	Champagne Ayala Rose Majeur Brut	\$61	3
3	Champagne Pannier Brut 2000	\$60	0
4	Champagne Pannier Brut Blanc De Noirs 1999	\$62	9
5	Pol Roger Extra Cuvee de Reserve NV	\$51	35
6	D'Arenberg The Peppermint Paddock Sparkling Chambourcin	\$30	6

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- **Basket Winners**
  - Joyce and Jeff Romans
  - Pennee Parker and John Jamison
  - Ann and John Carr
  - Emily and Jack Johnston
  - Mike and Sue Parker
  - Simone and Peter Haslauer
  - Joe and Lynn Breeding

Congratulations to the lucky winners. Please remember to hang on to the baskets and return to Emily so that they can be used next year.

I have also attached the results of the national tasting project held in June by our chapter and reported up.

- *A Little Bit of Tuscany* is now offering discounts on off-sale wine.
- *Wine Me Up Wine Bar & Shoppe* now offers live music on Thursdays and Saturdays ([www.winemeupshoppeandtavern.com](http://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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Serpent Ridge Directions:

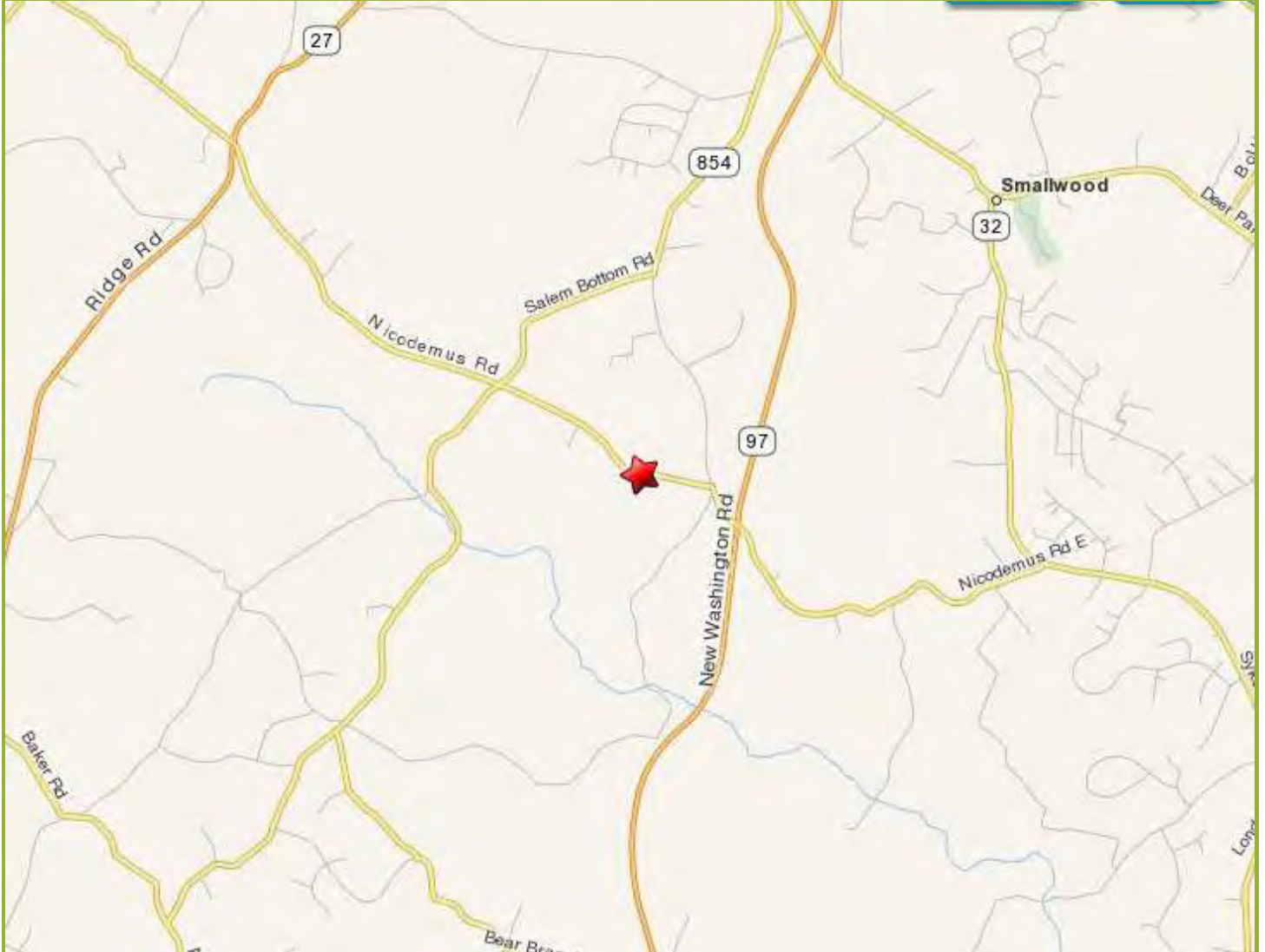
A link to their website can be found on ours as well.

**Directions:**

**Traveling South on Rt 97**, from Westminster.

pass Rt 32 intersection and make first right onto Nicodemus Rd. When traveling on Nicodemus Rd. turn left to continue on Nicodemus Rd. Proceed approx .2 mile. Turn left into Serpent Ridge Vineyard, 2962 Nicodemus Rd.

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The CCAWS February 21<sup>st</sup> tasting will be hosted **at the Grillons'**. We will be treated to a tasting of the Carmeneres from Chile. Wine hosts will be John Landon and Bill Eisberg. As a group I know that we are excited and honored to have this opportunity. As long as your president moved here from Minnesota, please feel free to bring your snowmobile to combat the weekly snow storms I brought with me. I will be in a bowling tournament with my son, so Lee has stepped in as chair for this meeting.

George and Jackie have again generously opened their home for the event and all you need to do is RSVP by Tuesday, February 16th, bring a dish to share for the table —*the earlier, the better, because space is limited to about 30!*

The Carroll County (MD) chapter met on January 17 at the Serpent Ridge Vineyard in Westminster. **We enjoyed a tasting of several of their wines.** The tasting was very informative and Greg gave us lots to think about regarding wine production techniques and also thoughts about the direction of Maryland wine in the future. We voted on favorite white and favorite red. The wines are available in several local liquor stores in and around Westminster as well as one in Ellicott City. Complete list is available on their website.

Serpent Ridge Tasting			
No.	Wine	Price	Votes
warm-up	Serpent Ridge Pinot Grigio	\$16	11
1	Albarino Lodi 2008	\$22	0
2	Albarino 2009	\$23	19
3	Basilisk 2007 60%cab 40% cab franc	\$26	9
4	Basilisk 2008 58% 42% cab franc	\$36	6
5	Vintners Cabernet Estate wine 07 65% Cabernet 35% cab Franc	\$34	15
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- Next month will be the business meeting, so time to start thinking of any action items that may need attention for the following year. Between then and now I will attempt to match members to payments to the AWS and our chapter as March is the hard stop for paying dues.
- *A Little Bit of Tuscany* is now offering discounts on off-sale wine.
- *Buds at Silver run: Offering a Valentines day menu and also participating in a fund raiser on February 22<sup>nd</sup>* [www.budsatsilverun.com](http://www.budsatsilverun.com)
- *Wine Me Up Wine Bar & Shoppe* now offers live music on Thursdays and Saturdays ([www.winemeupshoppeandtavern.com](http://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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The CCAWS March 21st tasting will be hosted **at the Johnstons'**. We will be treated to a tasting of the Carignan Grape with the theme being "Blender in the glass". Wine hosts will be Emily and Jack Johnston (1116 East Deep Run Rd, Westminster, Md) This is the Annual Meeting also. This is the only time of the year that the event starts at 1:30. Please note the time change. It is the time that we can review policies etc.

The Johnstons' have again generously opened their home for the event and all you need to do is RSVP by Tuesday, March 16th, bring a dish to share for the table —*the earlier, the better, because space is limited*

The Carroll County (MD) chapter met on February 22nd at the Grillons. **We enjoyed a tasting of Carmènere from Chile.** Thank you to Bill Eisberg and John Landon for doing the research and presenting these wines. Thanks also to Lee and Anna. Lee for Chairing the event, and Anna for taking notes. Given what has just happened in Chile, the timing was interesting. The National Tasting project this year also will be featuring wines from Chile, and several Carmenère varietals

Carmènere Tasting			
No.	Wines	Price	Votes
wam-up	Oops Cheeky little White 2009 Sauvignon Blanc/Carmènere	\$11	0
1	Santa Ema Amplus One 2006 75% Carmenère 20% Syrah 5 % Carignan	\$25	3
2	Root One 2007	\$13	0
3	Arboleda 2007	\$17	2
4	Vina Chocalan 2008	\$12	8
5	Tera Noble Gran Reserva 2007	\$16	4
6	Montes Alpha 2007	\$24	6

- **By now you should have paid your local and National dues. I have a listing of those that have rejoined the local chapter and am trying to get the National list. I will be reaching out to those that have not paid their local dues once I can pair the national and local chapters payments together. This would be the last notice of these fees 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](http://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.**

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**NOTICE: There were again a lot of no shows to last months meeting. Please remember to cancel in advance if you are not attending. It drives up the cost of the tastings otherwise. There was a potential issue of parking, and some phone problems, but please again be courteous to the hosts.**

- **The business meeting is a chance for all to have a voice. Please come ready to share ideas and volunteer as needed to make those happen.**
- **For anyone interested Gregory and I placed 8<sup>th</sup> in our bowling tournament together. ☺**

**Other items of interest**

- *A Little Bit of Tuscany* is now offering discounts on off-sale wine.
- *Buds at Silver run:* Sunday, April 4, EASTER - Will be opening at 11:00 am with specials and the dinner menu. <sup>d</sup> [www.budsatsilverrun.com](http://www.budsatsilverrun.com)
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The CCAWS April 18th tasting will be hosted **at the Doughertys'**. We will be treated to a tasting of "A pairing of great wine and cheese. We will sample six wines and six high end cheeses. Peggy Payne is the wine host.

The Doughertys' have generously for the first time opened their home for the event and all you need to do is RSVP by Wednesday, April 13th to Peggy or email her. Donna, Mark and Peggy are all first time house and wine hosts, so hats off to you all. Bring a dish to share for the table **—there should be room for about 40**

**people, but Wednesday is the drop dead RSVP time because the cheese needs to be ordered by then.**

The Carroll County (MD) chapter met on March 21st at the Johnstons. **The theme was "Blender in a glass"** which was a clever spin on a movie but featured wines made from Carignan, the worlds most widely planted varietal. Usually blended with syrah and Grenache, these were either 100% or very close to that. Thank you to Emily and Jack for hosting. This was also our 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary tasting and business meeting. Notes on that to follow.

Carignan Tasting			
No.	Wines	Price	Votes
warm-up	La Vieilles Vignes, Cotes Du Luberon 2008	\$15 (1.5)	0
1	Terre D'Ardoise Vieille Vignes, Cotes Catalanes 2007 100%	\$14	2
2	Cline Ancient Vines, Sanoma 2007 100%	\$18	19
3	Lioco Indica Red Old Vine, Mendocino 2007 78%	\$22	0
4	Domaine de Nizas Vieilles Vignes, Caux 2004 75%	\$15	1
5	Porter Creek Old Vines, Mendocino 2008 75%	\$26	9
6	Close Des Vents Red, Corbierre 2007 50%	\$9	5

- Several initiatives and policies were reviewed as part of the business meeting prior to the tasting. The following is a review.
  - Discussion about information packets available for new members, and a flyer available for guests at tastings. Anna Stewart and Jackie Powers will research what is already available and put something together. Dean Wilson has since also created a new member page on our website. Please visit this page and have any suggestions e mailed to me or bring to the next tasting.
  - John Landon (our esteemed treasurer) went over the finances of the club and the short of it is that we are slightly in the positive. This positive cash flow is used to subsidize an occasional tasting and the champagne tasting in December.
  - Again settled that a tasting estimated to cost more than \$20.00 per person should be pre announced in the news letter. As a side note to this, a reminder that an accurate RSVP list is essential otherwise the tasting can become expensive if there are no shows at the event. Please be considerate of the hosts and only RSVP if you know you can come, or cancel in time if something changes.
  - I announced that my 2 year term is complete in December. While I much enjoy the role and prestige of the presidency ☺ I need to have a person take over that role in January 2011. Please contact me if interested so we can get together to discuss. ( over a nice glass of wine naturally)
- Other news was that the National Tasting Project will this year be on Argentinean and Chilean Wines. Since the meeting Ron and Linda Riley have contacted me to volunteer to have this tasting at his house host event in June.

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**Other items of interest**

- *A Little Bit of Tuscany* is now offering discounts on off-sale wine.
- Buds at Silver run:** Sunday, Monday, April 19th - Working with The Carroll County Alliance of Support and Hope 6:00-8:00 for a night of frivolity and fundraising. Tickets are available by calling 410.386.1595!
- Monday, May 3rd - WOMEN WHO WINE! From 6:00 - 8:30 the ladies take over the restaurant! Focusing on the upcoming summer months with some beautiful wines and as. They will also be sharing some recipes that you can use at home! Call the restaurant to make your reservations today - 410.346.6816!
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The CCAWS May 16th tasting will be hosted **at the Barbours'**. We will be treated to a tasting of "Rockin Rosé. As summer approaches, the timing could not be better. Mike and Sue, with Nan Slick as the wine host, will put on a fabulous show as always.

The Barbours' have generously opened their home for the event and all you need to do is RSVP by Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> to Mike. Bring a dish to share for the table —*As usual the sooner the better. Parking is a bit limited so get your reservations in early. From memory parking on the lawn and not the*

*street is encouraged.*

The Carroll County (MD) chapter met on April 18th at the Dougherty's with Peggy Payne as the wine and CHEESE host. **The theme was "Great Wine and Cheese"** which was a wonderful idea to see how well the wines and cheeses picked paired together. The setting was outstanding and Peggy did a terrific job in this well researched tasting. What follows is a score of how we voted for the pairings, not the wine or cheese individually. Thank you to Mark, Donna and Peggy, you would never have known it was your first time!

The Great Wine and Cheese Pairing			
No.	Wines	Price	Votes
warm-up	Nino Franco Prosecco/ Parmigiano-Reggiano ( \$15.00 per pound)	\$21	4
1	Bodega Terra Gauda Albarino / Monte Enebro ( \$29.00 per pound )	\$20	4
2	Chalk Hill Sauvignon Blanc / Garrotxa ( \$ 22.00 per pound)	\$18	3
3	Bodega Alto Moncayo Grenach / Tomme Crayeuse ( 16.00 per pound )	\$25	3
4	Ridge Zinfandel East Bench / Ossau-Iraty (\$19.00 per pound)	\$33	10
5	D' Arenberg Peppermint Paddock Sparkling Chambourcin / Chopwell Blue Stilton (17 per Pound )	\$30	5
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- o Still looking for comments regarding the new members page put together by Dean
- o The June tasting is going to be at the Rileys' and will be the National Tasting Project on Chilean and Argentinean Wines. More on this in the next letter
- o My 2 year term is complete in December. While I much enjoy the role and prestige of the presidency © I need to have a person take over that role in January 2011. Please contact me if interested so we can get together to discuss. ( over a nice glass of wine naturally)
- o We are very close to an additional scholarship being funded. Should easily get there during the December Tasting.
- o Considering placing a list of active members at the stores as opposed to the cards. Discussion at the next tasting.

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Be sure to RSVP by Wednesday, June 16th to Ron or Linda. Bring a dish to share for the table —*As usual*

*the sooner the better as space is limited*

The Carroll County (MD) chapter met on May 16th at the Barbour's with again Nan as the wine host. **The theme was "Rockin Rose" Nan even dressed up for the occasion.** What follows is a score of how we voted. Thank you Mike and Sue for hosting another event

Rockin Rose			
No.	Wines	Price	Votes
warm-up	Clara C Fiori Rose Brut.. Pinot Noir	\$15	0
1	Toad Hollow Eye of the Toad Dry Rose 2009 Sanoma County Pinot Noir	\$11	1
2	Chateau Saint-Sulpice 2009 "Sarah" Bordeaux Clairet: Franc Merlot 80% Cab S 20%	\$11	4
3	Marques De Caceres 2009: Rioja Spai. : Tempranillo 80% Garnacha 20%	\$10	1
4	Susana Balno Crios Rose of Malbec 2009: Mendoza Argentina	\$14	10
5	Castello Monaci "Kreos" 2009: Salento Italy Negroamaro 90% Malvisia Mera 10%	\$13	4
6	Chateau d'Aqueria 2008: Grenache 50% Clairette 20% Cinsault 15% Movedre 10% Borboulenc 5%	\$18	9

- The July tasting is going to be at the Grillons and is not a tasting but the oft mentioned annual pool and BBQ party and will be the National Tasting Project on Chilean and Argentinean Wines. More on this in the next letter
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- Please refrain from any strong smelling colognes or perfumes. This interferes with the tasting as one cannot smell the wine etc. This has been on the increase at tastings recently.
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The CCAWS July 18th tasting will be the Annual Picnic hosted by the **Grillons'**. All you need to do is bring a tasty side dish, and or dessert, some win to share, good cheer and perhaps your swimming suit. Children are welcome. Be sure is RSVP by Wednesday, July 14th to George or Jackie —*as usual the sooner the better. An accurate count is important as I need to purchase the food, Hamburgers and Hot Dogs etc once the count is in.*

The Carroll County (MD) chapter met on June 20th at the Riley's with again Nan as the wine host. **The theme was “National Wine Tasting project for Chile and Argentina”**. What follows is a score of how we voted .Thank you Ron and Linda hosting another event

National Wine Tasting Project			
No.	Wines	Price	Votes
wam-up	Susana Balbo Crios 2009	\$15	0
1	Vina Santa Ema Chardonnay 2008 Chile	\$11	4
2	Concha y Toro Casillero Del Diablo 2008 Carmenere.. Chile	\$11	4
3	Casa Lapostolle Merlot 2007 Chile	\$17	0
4	Don Miquel Gascon Malbec 2008 Argentina	\$13	3
5	Casa Lapostolle Cabernet Sauvignon 2007 Chile	\$14	3
6	Vina Montes Alpha Cabernet Sauvignon 2007 Chile	\$24	13

- o The August tasting is going to be at the Evans, with the topic being “Summer Wines”
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- o **Of note that while maintaining membership of the AWS and CCAWS are needed, it is imperative if you are hosting for insurance reasons.**
- o **New information on events at featured restaurants below.**

A dear member of the society, Bill Brown, passed away just prior to the last tasting, and we take a moment to remember his contributions, and our heats go out to his family. I personally only met Bill on a few occasions, but found him such a Gentleman, with an easy smile and welcoming manner. I know he is missed

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- *Wine Me Up Wine Bar & Shoppe* is having Open Mike Night on Thursday July 22nd ([www.winemeupshoppeandtavern.com](http://www.winemeupshoppeandtavern.com)) Also Don't miss the weekly specials! Half off wine by the bottle on Tuesdays, half off Pizza on Wednesdays and on Friday Happy Hour, receive half off wine by the glass from 5pm-7pm on Fridays!
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August 4th, 2010



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The CCAWS August tasting will be at the home of the Evans' and the theme will be **Summer Wines – Cannot wait in this summer heat to get to them**, this will be on Sunday August 15th at 2:00 pm. please respond by August 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 was not on vacation this year and it was my first. For those that have not been before, it is a blast and we all had a lot of fun. Some pictures as you can see demonstrate this [sorry, pictures not available here – DW]**

**This is a lot of work for the hosts, so again a huge Thank You to George and Jackie for doing this again.** There are more pictures on facebook on my page (if you want to friend me, because I am so lonely.)

A reminder that Bill Browns Memorial Service is at Uniontown Bible Church, 4280 Watson Lane, Union Bridge, MD 21791. This will be held at 1:30

CCAWS helps out at the Carroll County Wine Festival. Emily Johnston can always use assistance.

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The CCAWS September 26th tasting will be hosted by **the Barbours' with the Stewarts as the wine host. The theme will be "Common Ground"** Please bring a tasty dish, and or dessert. Be sure is RSVP by Wednesday, September 21st to Mike or Sue —*as usual the sooner the better. Parking is limited in the driveway and once that is filled one needs to park behind the house and enter through the back gate.*

The Carroll County (MD) chapter met on August 15th at the Evans' Mary had her first experience of also being the wine host. **The theme was "Summer Rose.. Who's your Mama"?** Mary was in fine form and taking no prisoners. The idea was to guess the varietal used in the Rose. What follows is a score of how we voted. My apologies for not obtaining the year of the wines. Thank you Mike and Mary for hosting another event

National Wine Tasting Project				
No.	Wines		Price	Votes
wam-up	Lucian Albright Rose Brut	( Pinot)	\$22	3
1	Bodegas Borsao Rose	( Grenache)	\$8	1
2	Etude Rose	( Pinot )	\$20	5
3	Churchill Estate Rose	( Syrah )	\$8	1
4	Michel Torino Rose	( Malbec )	\$12	7
5	Prada Rey Rose	( Tempranillo/ Grenache)	\$12	8

- o The October tasting is going to be at the Carrs' with the topic being " Rhone Rangers" It will be on October 17<sup>th</sup>.
- o Please take a moment to wish Larry Powers your condolences as he lost his mother last month. Our thoughts are with you.
- o Please refrain from any strong smelling colognes or perfumes. This interferes with the tasting as one cannot smell the wine etc.
- o **It is time to begin to fill the calendar for house and wine hosts for next year. Unless there is strong sentiment I think it fair to give current house hosts the right of first refusal. If there are extra volunteers then I can go to house or wine hosts that have more than one event and see if there could be a switch.**
- o **Of note that while maintaining membership of the AWS and CCAWS are needed, it is imperative if you are hosting for insurance reasons.**
- o New information on events at featured restaurants below.

Check our web site ([www.CCAWS.net](http://www.CCAWS.net)) for upcoming tastings.

**Other items of interest**

- *A Little Bit of Tuscany* is now offering discounts on off-sale wine.
- *Buds at Silver run:* Features the return of "women who wine" on September 20<sup>th</sup>.
- *Wine Me Up Wine Bar & Shoppe* ([www.winemeupshoppeandtavern.com](http://www.winemeupshoppeandtavern.com)) Also Don't miss the weekly specials! Half off wine by the bottle on Tuesdays, half off Pizza on Wednesdays and on Friday Happy Hour, receive half off wine by the glass from 5pm-7pm on Fridays!
- *Serpent Ridge Vineyard* is now also offering a 15 % 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/> **Also they are hosting a wine dinner tomorrow September 13<sup>th</sup> at Bistro Blanc in Glenelg. Phone 410 848 1441. I have eaten there and it is wonderful. Not sure if it is too late to sign up.**
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The CCAWS October 17th tasting will be hosted by the Carrs' The theme will be "Reserves? Are they worth the price?" Please bring a tasty dish, and or dessert... There will be reserve wines being tasted so the cost may be a little more than normal.

Be sure is RSVP by Wednesday, October 13th to Ann or John... *—as usual the sooner the better. Bring a dish to share. If traveling there from Westminster, watch for the speed trap at the bottom of the hill going into New Windsor. I have personal experience of it ☺*

The Carroll County (MD) chapter met on September 26th at the Barbours' with Lee as the wine host. The theme was "common Ground" This was a blind tasting. The warm-up was in carafes on ice. The tasting wines were in bottles that were brown-bagged. The point of the "Common Ground" theme was to discover (guess) what the wines of the tasting, including the warm-up, had in common. Lee's presentation explicitly stated the commonality that all the wines were from *V. vinifera* grapes, an obvious statement for many present, but several folks learned something new. To avoid giving away the point of the blind tasting until all the wines were tasted and the favorites voted on, the information on the wine list sheet was not revealed while the wines were discussed. Regarding what else the wines might have in common, there were many clever guesses, but none were close. After the votes were in, Lee revealed the "price per bottle" and, at last, the fact that all the wines were **box wines!** Lee gave the box prices and distributed the information sheets. Everyone enjoyed the tasting and were surprised that there were actually quality wines sold in boxes---and particularly pleased that the tasting was only \$8.00/person! The prices below have been converted into the equivalent bottle price.

National Wine Tasting Project				
No.		Price		Votes
AOL 9.0.lnk <b>Wines</b>				
warm-up	Le Petite Frog 100% Picpoul Blanc	\$6		0
1	Red Truck 45% Syrah 29% Petite Sirah, 20% Cab Franc 6% Malbec	\$8		0
2	Terrapin Station Cab Franc 100% Cab Franc	\$12		0
3	Black Box reserve Merlot 85% Merlot 10 % Syrah 5 % other	\$7		3
4	Four Cabernet Sauvignon 2008 76% Cabernet, 22% Malbec	\$8		7
5	Black Box Malbec 2008 100% Malbec	\$6		9
6	Big House Red 2009 Too many to mention ☺	\$5		13

- The November tasting is going to be at the Evans' with the topic being "Mainly On The Plain" It will be on November 21<sup>st</sup> and will feature Spanish wines.
- Please refrain from any strong smelling colognes or perfumes. This interferes with the tasting as one cannot smell the wine etc.
- We are beginning to fill the calendar for house and wine hosts for next year. After this tasting I will see who has responded and then figure out the open dates. If there are extra volunteers then I can go to house or wine hosts that have more than one event and see if there could be a switch.
- We are also starting the drive to gather potential prizes that can be raffled at the champagne tasting in December. Bottles of wine are naturally a good prize and I know will be collected by Penny if she is present. I believe the wine should have a value of no less than \$10.00 after the discount. Checks are also welcome directly. In order to win a raffle prize you must also have donated.
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- *A Little Bit of Tuscany* is now offering discounts on off-sale wine.
- *Buds at Silver run:* Features a wine dinner paired with Hess Wines for \$ 75.00 per person on October 18<sup>th</sup>. See the website for details of the menu
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The CCAWS November 21st tasting will be hosted by **the Evans'** **The theme will be "Spanish Wines.. Mainly on the Plain"** hosted by **Penee Parker** Please bring a tasty dish, and or dessert. Contrary to the e mail sent earlier, we will be tasting some whites.

Be sure is RSVP by Wednesday, November 17th to Mike or Mary —*as usual the sooner the better. Bring a dish to share.*

The Carroll County (MD) chapter met on October 17h at the Carrs' the theme was "Reserves can you tell the difference?" The tasting had some excellent wines and was also blind. There were three wines plus the warm up. Each of the tasting wines had the regular and reserve vintages, not necessarily of the same year. The group voted both to see if they could tell the difference and also which was the favorite overall. As a group we got the reserves pegged, but it was close on a couple. The results of the tasting appear below. We did not vote on the question as to whether the cost difference was worth the reserve label, however the majority did vote for a reserve wine as their favorite.

Reserves? Can you tell the difference?			
No.	Wines	Price	Votes
warm-up	Beronia Crianza 2007	11	0
1	Beronia Reserva 2005	11	3
2	Beronia Gran Reserva	19	7
3	Domaine du Bois de St Jean Cote du Rhone Reserve 2005	23	15
4	Domaine du Bois de St Jean Cote du Rhone 2007	11	1
5	Madriagal Sonnet 63Cabernet Sauvignon 2005 Reserve	22	9
6	Madriagal Cabernet Sauvignon 2006	14	7

- The December tasting is going to be at the Blosverens' with the topic being our annual champagne tasting. It will be on December 12th **NOTE THIS IS THE SECOND WEEKEND IN DECEMBER**
- Please refrain from any strong smelling colognes or perfumes. This interferes with the tasting as one cannot smell the wine etc.
- The annual calendar is almost full for house hosts and there is a need for some wine hosts. I will be forwarding the list to Dean Wilson shortly.
- **We are at the last stages of collecting donations for the annual scholarship fund. This is an important charter for our chapter, and we are very close to funding the next scholarship in the name of Bill Brown. Pennee can answer any questions regarding the protocol, and there was an e mail that went out two weeks ago as a reminder. Checks should be made out to A.W.S.E.F for at least 25.00. E mail also attached from Dean regarding this.**
- **Huge announcement that we will have a new President starting in January. Please congratulate President elect Joe Breeding for stepping up for this very important role, as well as first lady Lynn, who will probably be taking Joe's place in the pouring section and will help keep him on the straight and narrow ☺**
- We are still seeking a new secretary to take minutes during the meeting so that those make it accurately into the news letter. Current president has on occasions not been able to gather all the information at the time of tasting.. so this actually an important role. Anna has been doing it, but would like also to have this taken over. Current President assumes future president will need assistance too as often the wines are just too good ☺

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- *Buds at Silver run:* Wednesday, December 2nd, Buds will team with B. R. Cohn and House of Liquors for a wonderful Wine Dinner. For the all inclusive price of just \$125. Additional information is available on the website, [www.budsatsilverrun.com](http://www.budsatsilverrun.com) and at House of Liquors.
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The CCAWS December 12<sup>th</sup> champagne tasting will be hosted by Blosverens' **the theme will be "Champagne (what else)" Wine hosted by John Landon.** Please bring a tasty dish, and or dessert. Also as mentioned at the last tasting, if you do bring a guest please bring a dish for them too. Food has run out at the last couple. This is a bit more dress up than normal. Always great to see the great attire. Be sure to RSVP by Wednesday, December 8th to Richard or Carmen—*as usual the sooner the better. Bring a dish to share.*

The Carroll County (MD) chapter met on November 21st at the Evans' the theme was "Mainly on the Plain?" This was hosted by Pennee Parker and it was supported with personal anecdotes of Pennee and John's trip to Spain. The tasting had some excellent Spanish Wines and supporting documentation. A huge thank you to Pennee for all the work put forward in preparation, and naturally the Evans for opening their home. As you can see below the most expensive wine once again did not win

Mainly on the Plain			
No.	Wines	Price	Votes
warm-up	Anna de Cordorniu Brut 70 % Chardonay 30% Parellada	13	3
1	Terra Gauda Albarino 2009 Rias Baixas	22	3
2	Butani 2008 Moscatel Seco, Sierras De Malaga	18	0
3	Chapparell Garnacha 2008, Navarra, Old Vine Garnacha	14	1
4	Monsant Con Blau, Mazuelo and Syrah Blend	16	17
5	Imperial Gran Reserva, 1996, Tempranillo, Rioja	50	9
6	Lastau Pedro Ximenez San Emillo Sherry, Jerez de la Frontera	26	0

- The January tasting is going to be at the Scott Markle and Corynne Courpas with the topic being our Port. I would rent a limo.
- Please refrain from any strong smelling colognes or perfumes. This interferes with the tasting as one cannot smell the wine etc.
- Please see the website for the tasting schedule for 2011. While the homes are full, wine hosts are needed
- **Time to re up the national and local membership dues. National Membership is still at \$62.00. Local membership will now be \$1,000 to help pay for my retirement. No naturally that has not increased, and John will be happy to take those checks at the tastings. A reminder that both memberships are needed to qualify for the discount at the stores, and if you are hosting, you need the national membership for insurance.**
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- As this is my last news letter as the lame duck, I want to say that it has been a privilege to serve, to help the association grow and see some strong new members come on board. I have enjoyed my tenure, but will equally enjoy loosing the secret service coverage, and building my library, as well as going on the lecture circuit. You have all been very patient with my spelling errors, wrong phone numbers and tardy letters. Thank you all for everything you have done for Kelly and I during this year, which as you know has been a little complicated. I will soon be joining the bleachers again, making way too much noise. I know that Joe will be a fantastic new President. Please give him every support as he begins his role.

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