



**January 2023**

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

Happy New Year everyone! I hope that we are all coming off a good holiday season and are ready for a fresh start this January. I’ve included information on the December Tasting, details on the January tasting, which was postponed twice due to COVID, most recently from last September. In addition, we have another establishment offering discounts to the membership, the JeannieBird Baking Company in Westminster with details about the discounts listed below.

**December 2022 Recap**

Our December 2022 gathering was held the home Corynne Courpas with Eileen Sein serving as our wine host. Thank you Corynne & Eileen for all for all the hard work you both did to make the day such a success. Also a shout out to Kelly Horrocks for coordinating the AWSEF basket fundraiser and to the Wilsons for bringing us the silent auction basket. My understanding as of this writing is that we raised over \$1,400 for the scholarship fund. Way to GO!

The group that gathered enjoyed seven wines gathered from multiple sources representing sparkling wines from France. The results are below:

Levert Freres Cremant de Bourgogne Brut	\$19	3 votes
Faire La Fete Brut Rose Cremant de Limoux	\$21	zero votes
Mailly Brut Reserve Grand Cru	\$45	5 Votes
Buena Vista La Victoire Brut Champagne	\$50	one vote
Billecart Salmon Brut Reserve Champagne	\$57	one vote
Bollinger Brut Special Cuvee Champagne	\$77	15 votes & Winner
Besserant de Belle Grand Cru Blanc de Blanc Champagne	\$29	3 votes

**New JeannieBird Discount**

The JeannieBird Baking Company is graciously offering our membership discounts that include a 15% discount on carry-out wines, 10% on bakery/food/wine purchase for consumption on-premises. This excludes gift cards and sale items. Identify yourself to the cashier and show your AWS membership card to receive the discount. They are also willing to help source wines for future tastings!

## January 2023 Tasting Information

Our January tasting will be held on January 22, 2023 at the Gamber home of Michele and Bill Sadler. Pankaj (Doc) Desai will be serving as our wine host. Doc will be sharing wines from the Douro Valley of Portugal. Please be sure to RSVP [using the RSVP links at [ccaws.net](http://ccaws.net) and [ccaws.net/mobile](http://ccaws.net/mobile)] by January 21st to ensure a spot. Please don't forget to bring a dish for the table.

**January 22, 2023 @ 2:00 pm**

**RSVP by January 21, 2023 to Bill at:** [the RSVP links at [ccaws.net](http://ccaws.net) and [ccaws.net/mobile](http://ccaws.net/mobile)]

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## February 2023

**To:** Members and friends of the Carroll County, MD Chapter of the American Wine Society  
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Welcome to February, a time that should be freezing cold, yet here we are with temperatures in the sixties! Living here in Maryland, the “land of pleasant living,” we know that we can always expect the unexpected when it comes to weather.

Unfortunately there will not be a tasting during the month of February this year. The calendar is pretty bare as it comes to house-hosts for the start of this year. While we had a wine-host for February, no one stepped up to serve as a house host. We are still looking for a house-host for the month of March, so if you are willing and able please reach out to me.

## January 2023 Recap

Our January 2023 gathering was held the Sadler home with Pankaj (Doc) Desai serving as our wine host. Thank you Doc, Roxanne and Michele for all for all the hard work you did to make the day such a success.

As part of our “business” at the start of the meeting, we received a lovely letter from the American Wine Society Education Fund (AWSEF) for \$1,445 in donations contributed to the fund during the Chapter’s scholarship account. We are only about one-thousand dollars away from being able to have a scholarship awarded in memory of Carmen Blosveren and in honor of her husband Richard, who both have provided incredible service to our Chapter over the years.

Now to the tasting results! The group that gathered enjoyed seven wines gathered from multiple sources representing wines from Portugal’s Douro Valley. The results are below:

Portal de Calcada Vinho Verde	\$16	8 votes
Macanita White 2019	\$29	15 votes & Winner (white)
Macanita Red 2019	\$28	one vote
Xisto Ilimitado 2019	\$26	one vote
Altano Symington 2019	\$13	four votes
Lago Red Blend 2019	\$15	10 votes & Winner (red)
Portal de Calcada Red 2016	\$16	9 votes

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Just after I sent last month’s newsletter, I received notice from Walt Rachele that the American Wine Society Education Fund (AWSEF) scholarship in memory of Carmen Blosveren and in honor of Richard Blosveren has been fully funded, with monies left over to jump start yet another fund. Many thanks to all who contributed!

### March 2023 Tasting Information

Our tasting for the month of March, 2023 will be held at the home of **Eileen Sien** on March 19th at 2pm. Our wine host this month will be **Richard Davis**, owner and winemaker at **Calstar Cellars** in Santa Rosa, CA. Rick is an artisan producer specializing in Pinot Noirs, but he also makes Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Pinot Meunière and Zinfandel. If you want to peruse his website, it can be found at: <https://calstarcellars.com/>

**March 19, 2023 @ 2:00 pm**

**The Sien House**

[the location buttons on [ccaws.net/mobile](http://ccaws.net/mobile)]

**RSVP by January 21, 2023 to Eileen at:** [the RSVP links at [ccaws.net](http://ccaws.net) and [ccaws.net/mobile](http://ccaws.net/mobile)]

### Annual Business Meeting

Since we have a guest wine host in March, we’ll be pushing our Annual Business Meeting to the April 16<sup>th</sup> tasting @ 1:15 p.m. at the Hampton’s house.

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Welcome to April where the weather is taking us on rollercoaster ride!

Remember that April will be our annual business meeting, so we will gather early at about 1:30 p.m. so that we can start the tasting on time at 2:00 p.m.

## March 2023 Recap

Our tasting for March, 2023 was held at the home of **Eileen Sein** where we enjoyed a wine presentation by **Rick Davis**, owner and winemaker at **Calstar Cellars** in Santa Rosa, CA. Rick is an artisan producer specializing in Pinot Noirs, but he also makes Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Pinot Meunière and Zinfandel. If you want to peruse his website, it can be found at: <https://calstarcellars.com/>

Now for the tasting results! The group that gathered enjoyed the following wines from Calstar Cellars:

Calstar Cellars, Sauvignon Blanc, 2022	\$25	7 votes & Winner (white)
Calstar Cellars, Bennett Valley Chardonnay, 2016	\$25	6 votes
Calstar Cellars, Manchester Ridge Chardonnay, 2017	\$40	5 votes
Calstar Cellars, Rose of Pinot Meunière, 2022	\$24	3 votes
Calstar Cellars, Russian River Valley Pinot Meunière, 2021	\$35	4 votes
Calstar Cellars, Russian River Valley Pinot Noir, 2017	\$25	5 vote
Calstar Cellars, Oppenlander Vineyard Pinot Noir, 2015	\$30	8 votes & Winner (red)

## April 2023 Tasting Information

Our tasting for the month of April, 2023 will be held at the home of **Jerry and Dorothy Hampton** on April 16th at 2p.m. (our business meeting will start about 1:30 p.m.). The wine host this month will be **Bernie Vogel**, owner of Jeannie Bird Bakery in downtown Westminster. Bernie's theme is "Old World - vs - New World: Faceoff with off-the-Beaten-Path Reds." This will be an all-red wine tasting.

**April 16, 2023 @ 2:00 pm (business mtg. at 1:30 pm)**

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**May 2023**

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Happy Mother's Day! My apologies to all of you for the lateness of this newsletter. The last several weeks have been a whirlwind for me. As one of the teachers responsible for planning and executing Century's Junior/Senior Prom this year, I've seen one too many decorations, menus, weather reports, spreadsheets, guest passes and procrastination excuses from students wanting to buy tickets after the deadline! The prom was last night, and all went well! Deep breath and now off to the next thing!

## **2023 Business Meeting**

As was mentioned in earlier newsletters, the AWSEF scholarship in Memory of Carmen and Honor of Richard Blosveren has been fully funded and will be awarded for the 2023-24 school year. Thanks to all who contribute to this noble cause.

John Landon reported that our account balance stands at \$2,293.48 as of March 21, 2023 and that there are numerous households that still owe dues to the chapter.

There are several updates on discounts available to members. First, College Square in Westminster is reducing the blanket discount on wine to 15%, but they also note that a 10% discount is also available on beer for CCAWS members. They will be sharing more details with us in the future. Second, The Wine Post in Glyndon is now offering a 20% discount to CCAWS members. Thank you, Nancy, for helping to make that happen! Finally, Gourmet Wine & Liquors on Klee Mill Road in Eldersburg/Sykesville advertises regularly in the various coupon mailers offering a 20% discount on 6 bottles or more. They are family owned and have a well-priced set of offerings.

Finally, we'll be looking for a new Chapter Chair starting in January 2025. Anyone who might be interested in serving should let John, Nancy or myself me know. Now for a recap of the April tasting!

## April 2023 Recap

Our tasting for the month of April, 2023 was held at the home of **Jerry and Dorothy Hampton** with **Bernie Vogel** serving as the wine host for the first time with the Chapter. The theme was “Old World - vs - New World: Faceoff with off-the-Beaten-Path Reds,” and it was an all-red tasting.

Now for the tasting results! The group that gathered enjoyed the following:

Goats Do Roam, White 2020	\$15	Business Mtg. Warm-up
Stolpman Rose NV (California)	\$22	did not vote
Clos La Coutale Malbec 2020 (France)	\$20	6 votes (tied for winner)
Catena Florist, 2019 (Argentina)	\$18	4 votes
2 Vaches Rouge (France)	\$17	3 votes
Cerro Chapeu Tannat 2019 (Uruguay)	\$16	1 vote
Bonneliere Chinon 2020 (France)	\$26	6 votes (tied for winner)
Field Recordings Franc 2021 (California)	\$23	5 votes

## May 2023 Tasting Information

Our tasting for the month of May, 2023 will be held at the home of **Dori and Frank Batavick** on May 21st at 2p.m. Our wine host will be Nancy Slick and we'll be exploring Italian Whites. Know that this will be no red wines at this tasting, though maybe I'll find a way to have something after the formal tasting for all of you who are red-fanatics!

**May 21, 2023 @ 2pm**

**Dori and Frank Batavick**

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## May 2023 Recap

Our tasting for the month of May, 2023 was held at the home of **Dori and Frank Batavick** with **Nancy Slick** serving as the wine host. The theme was "Italian White Wines" and it was an all-white wine tasting. The group that gathered enjoyed the following:

Pieropan Soave 2021	\$14	1 vote
Ceretto Langhe Arneis 2020	\$26	2 votes
Cantina del Taburno Greco 2021	\$17	no votes
Aragosta Vermentino di Sardegna 2021	\$15	5 votes (winner)
Cantina del Taburno Fiano 2021	\$17	no votes
Cantina del Taburno Falanghina 2021	\$17	1 vote
La Chiara del Comune di Gavi 2020	\$20	3 votes

## June 2023 Tasting Information

Our tasting for the month of June, 2023 will be held at the home of **Linda and Ron Riley** on June 11th at 2p.m. Our wine host will be **Pat Valas** and we'll be experiencing **The National Tasting Project** wines where the them southern Rhone wines.

**June 11, 2023 @ 2pm**

**Linda and Ron Riley**

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**June 30, 2023 (July 2023 Newsletter)**

**To:** Members and friends of the Carroll County, MD Chapter of the American Wine Society

**From:** Bill Sadler, Chapter Chair

Well now we really are in the official summer season. Today was an energy sapping muggy day, even though it wasn't very hot! We're looking forward to our chapter picnic in July at the Grillons where we bring some of our own favorite wines to share around the pool and horseshoe pit. More on that later, let me recap our June tasting first

**June 2023 Recap**

Our tasting for the month of June, 2023 was unexpectedly held at the home of **Michele and Bill Sadler** with **Pat Valas** serving as the wine host. **Linda and Ron Riley** had planned to host, but Ron fell ill the day before, so we relocated at the last minute. I'm happy to say that Ron is doing better and for that we're all happy!

This June's tasting was the AWS's National Tasting Project event shared by chapters all across the country. This year's theme was "Southern Rhone Wines" and it was an mostly red wine tasting. Thank you so much **Pat** for all the work that you put into this project every year! The group that gathered enjoyed the following:

Wine A: Clairette 80%, Roussanne 20% 2020	\$14	only white wine.
Wine C: Grenache 50%, Syrah 40%, Mourvedre 8%, Other Indigenous Varietals 2% 2020	\$26	6 votes
Wine F: Grenache 70%, Syrah 30% 2021	\$17	one vote
Wine I: Grenache 53%, Mourvedre 21%, Syrah 9%, Vacarese 8%, Cinsault 5%, Cunoise 2%, Terret 1%, Muscardin 1% 2019	\$15	4 votes
Wine J: Grenache 76%, Syrah 14%, Mourvedre 10% 2020	\$17	one vote
Wine K: Grenache 80%, Syrah 20% 2019	\$17	9 votes
Wine L: Grenache 65%, Mourvedre 35% 2018	\$20	one vote
Wine M: Muscat a Petits Grains Blanc 100% 2020	\$20	only dessert wine

**Note:** The the translation key for the wines is located on the last page of the newsletter. Thank you Pat!

## July 2023 Tasting Information

Our gathering for the month of July, 2023 will be held at the beautiful historic home of **Jackie and George Grillon** that includes a horseshoe pit and pool. This tasting is our annual picnic where the chapter will provide the proteins for the grill, ice and water. You need to bring your good humor, a side dish for the table, your bathing suit if you wish to swim and a bottle or two or three of your favorite wine to share with the group. There is no charge for this event. NOTE: This gathering is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday so is a week earlier in the month than usual for us.

**July 9, 2023 @ 2pm** at [the location buttons on [ccaws.net/mobile](https://ccaws.net/mobile)]

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2 C Château La Nerthe Cotes du Rhone Villages, 2020	\$23.99
3 F Domaine de Beurenard Cotes du Rhone, 2021	\$26.99
4 I Domaine Lou Frejau Chateauneuf du Pape Rouge, 2019	\$64.99
5 J Pierre Amadieu Gigondas Romane Machotte, 2020	\$29.99
6 K E.Guigal Gigondas, 2019	\$42.99
7 L Château du Trignon Rasteau, 2018	\$29.99
8 M Domaine de Durban Muscat de Beaume-de Venise, 2020	\$21.99 (375mL)



## July & August 2023 Newsletter

**To:** Members and friends of the Carroll County, MD Chapter of the American Wine Society

**From:** Bill Sadler, Chapter Chair

This is a combined July and August newsletter as I'm terribly late getting this newsletter out. Over the past few weeks I've been trying to confirm schedules for the rest of the year.

As a result, I need to **cancel the August** tasting as we do not have a wine-host. I do owe a thanks to Theresa and Steve for still being willing to host, but without a wine-host we can't move forward.

I'll share more on September below, but again we are still looking for a wine host for September.

## July 2023 Recap

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## September 2023 Tasting Information

Our gathering for the month of September, 2023 will be held at the Westminster home of **Dan Reppe**. We are still in need of a wine host for this tasting, but I am working on engaging one. If anyone is interested, please let me know.

**September 17, 2023 @ 2pm**

**Dan Reppe**

[the location buttons on [ccaws.net/mobile](http://ccaws.net/mobile)]

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## October 2023 Newsletter

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

Welcome to Autumn! The fall temperatures have returned this week, along with some sunshine. We have some folks interested in joining our group starting in the new year, so stay tuned for some new names in the near future.

## September 2023 Recap

First, thank you to Dan Reppe for planning to be our host for September, but unfortunately COVID-19 reared its ugly head again this year forcing us to find a new location for the tasting. So, thank you to Corynne Courpas for agreeing to host us at the last minute, only hours before she was leaving for her trip to Greece.

Our wine host was Dean & Becky Wilson where we enjoyed a lovely game of wine trivia and a chance to try to guess the price point of the wines which we were tasting. Based on the voting, it seems like we could taste the money! All of them were reds, except the warm-ups. We were also treated to a surprise rosé courtesy of Doc Desai, Tendance Caladoc Rosé, which appeared to be a nice crowd pleaser.

We also had two guests, Glynn & Anita, courtesy of the Breedings. We hope to see them again in the near future!

Here are the tasting wines:

Warm-up: Hectare Chardonnay 3 Liter	\$12	Did Not Vote
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Mascota Vineyards Unanime Malbec 2018	\$40	6 votes
Eccentric Malbec 2021	\$11	3 votes
Terrazas Grand Malbec 2018	\$52	9 votes (winner)
Cameleon Signature Organic Cabernet 2021	\$20	zero votes
Angelica Zapata Cabernet Sauvignon 2017	\$50	one vote
Eccentric Cabernet Sauvignon 2021	\$10	one vote

## October 2023 Tasting Information

Our gathering for the month of October, 2023 will be held at the Taneytown home of **Kelly & Robert Horrocks**. Our wine hosts are **Tracy Koch & Susan McGreevy** and the theme is **Red, White, and GREEN???** Tracy and Susan plan to dedicate this tasting to the memory of Mike Bareford and John Carr, both of whom recently passed away having been long term members of the chapter.

Please know that this tasting will cost about \$35 and we will have limited space so RSVP as soon as you are able.

**October 15, 2023 @ 2pm**

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## November 2023 Newsletter

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It is freezing outside! Yes, we are under a freeze warning for tonight. Well if you haven't figured it out by now, living in Maryland means that you need to adjust to the ever changing weather. If you don't like it, wait about twenty minutes and it will change! We're looking forward to welcoming a new presenter this month with Christian Orr from House of Liquors presenting what looks like an excellent line up. Look below for details.

## AWSEF Fundraising

We are collecting money and wine for our annual American Wine Society Education Fund (AWSEF) fundraiser to support the scholarship fund that our chapter sponsors on a regular basis. To that end, Kelly Horrocks and Tracy Koch are working to put together wine baskets for our annual raffle at the December tasting. If you'd like to participate, please ensure that you provide wine totaling \$15 or more along with a check payable to the AWSEF of at least \$25. You can drop off wine at the November tasting or send a check for \$15 or more to Kelly [use the **Chairperson** link on [ccaws.net](http://ccaws.net) and [ccaws.net/mobile](http://ccaws.net/mobile)] by November 15<sup>th</sup> and Kelly will purchase the wine for you. Becky and Dean Wilson will also be donating an UBER basket for raffle to support the cause as well. THANK-YOU to all who support this wonderful effort.

Our most recent scholarship recipient is Meredith Persico, a Ph.D. Candidate at The Pennsylvania State University awarded in Honor of Richard Blosveren and in Memory of Carmen Blosveren. Meredith's research is focused on grapevine cold acclimation and spring frost avoidance. Prior to beginning her graduate studies, she earned her B.S. in Viticulture & Enology from Cornell University.

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Our house hosts, Kelly & Robert Horrocks provided an excellent venue to toast and remember two long time members who recently passed away, Mike Bareford and John Carr. Members of their families were on hand to join us in remembering them through spoken remembrances and video retrospectives. We will miss you, John & Mike.

Our wine hosts for the formal tasting were Tracy Koch & Susan McGreevy and they served up a wonderful slate of "green" wines. (Conjures visions of St. Patrick's day!)

Here are the tasting wines:

Warm-up: Schplink Gruner Veltliner	\$8	5 votes
Willamette Valley Tualitin Estate White Pinot Noir 2021	\$50	10 votes
Honig Sauvignon Blanc 2021	\$22	11 votes (winner, white)
Artesa Estate Pinot Noir 2018	\$49	19 votes (winner, red)
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Cline Contra Costa Ancient Vines Zinfandel 2020	\$15	4 votes

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## December 2023 Newsletter

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Thanksgiving is in the books and now we look forward to more holiday celebrations coming to us in the month of December. CCAWS is no exception for we will have our holiday celebration next Sunday as we enjoy a feast of sparkling wine, delicious food and fine company. Try not to stress about all the activities this month, just step back and enjoy the ride! Trust me, the time will fly by.

## November 2023 Recap

Our house hosts, Dale and Dottie Piper, provided a lovely locale for a tasting tour of Italian red wines brought to us by wine host Christian Orr. 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, Christian, Dale & Dottie for a lovely afternoon!

Here are the tasting wines:

Warm-up: Paltrinieri Lambrusco dell Emilia Solco 2022	\$19	did not vote
St. Michael Eppan Pinot Nero, 2022	\$20	zero votes
Pertinace Barbera d'Alba, 2019	\$22	2 votes
Tintero Elvio Nebbiolo Langhe, 2020	\$19	1 vote
La Ca Nova Barbaresco, 2019	\$43	3 votes
Gamba Valpolicella Ripasso, 2018	\$25	5 votes
Zeni Amarone della Valpolicella Classico, 2020	\$39	8 votes (winner)

## December 2023 Tasting Information

Our final gathering for, 2023 will be held at the Westminster home of **Corynne Courpas** with **Eileen Siem** serving as wine host for the annual Sparking Wine celebration and tasting.

Please know that this tasting typically costs about \$50 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.

**December 10, 2023 @ 2:00 pm**

**Corynne Courpas**

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