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January - 2019

To: Members of the CARROLL COUNTY MD CHAPTER/AMERICAN WINE SOCIETY  
From: Jerry Hampton, Chapter Chair

Happy New Year everyone! I hope each of you had a good holiday season and emerged relatively unscathed. I wish everybody a happy and healthy 2019.

We've got a great year ahead of us wine-wise, and to start things off I couldn't be more pleased that we will have Janine Wilson serving as our wine host for January. This will be Janine's first time as the wine host, so I want to thank her in advance for volunteering.

The January tasting is entitled: **Reliable Reds**, which is a great theme for this group knowing how much we love our reds and also because big reds go so well with cold weather. As the title of our tasting suggests, Janine will be sharing some great red wines she has discovered over the past decade that you can reliably count on for quality and value. Dorothy and I were fortunate to be invited to help Janine taste and pick some of the wines for this tasting, and I can promise you that you won't be disappointed. So come out and help us discuss the characteristics that make these wines so appealing.

The January tasting will be held on **January 20 at 2:00 PM** at **Jerry and Dorothy Hampton's home**. Please RSVP Jerry Hampton (that's me) by **January 16** via email or by phone.

*As always: Please don't forget to bring an entrée, appetizer, or dessert to share!*

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### ***Last Month's News***

Our chapter held its annual Holiday Champagne Extravaganza last month on December 9<sup>th</sup> and it was a great time as usual. I'd like to offer a special thanks to our generous house host, Corynne Courpas, for once again opening her home for our annual champagne tasting. I also want to thank John Landon and Mike Bareford from College

Square Liquors for leading our tasting and supplying the excellent selection of champagnes.

Speaking of thanks, I also want to acknowledge all who made contributions to the American Wine Society Education Fund (AWSEF). Thanks to all of you for your generosity in supporting a worthy cause. And finally, a special offer of gratitude is due to Kelly Horrocks and Tracey Koch for once again preparing the baskets this year. The basket winners were as follows:

- #1 Peggy Payne
- #2 John Pardoe
- #3 Margaret & Richard Nicolaus
- #4 Charles & Roseanne Hedges
- #5 Joe & Lynn Breeding
- #6 George & Jackie Grillon

The Silent Auction Basket donated by Dean and Becky Wilson was won by Doc and Roxanne Desai. Congratulations to all of you!

Finally, I'd like to share that our Chapter's total contribution to the American Wine Society Education Fund (AWSEF) this year is \$975.00. With this contribution, our Chapter's AWSEF fund currently totals \$3140.53. Once we reach \$3500.00, a scholarship will be awarded in the name of Bill and Barb Eisberg, so we should easily pass that threshold with this coming year's campaign. Again, thank you to all who participated.

Now for the voting results from this year's champagne tasting:

| <b>Wine</b>                           | <b>Retail Cost</b> | <b>Number of Votes</b> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Roederer Estate Brut (1.5L) – warm up | \$65.99            | 8 (Overall winner)     |
| Collet Brut Art Deco                  | \$49.99            | 15 (White winner)      |
| Delamotte Brut                        | \$44.99            | 4                      |
| Besserat de Bellefon Brut             | \$49.99            | 10                     |
| Collet Brut Rose                      | \$59.99            | 10                     |
| Jeeper Brut Grand Rose                | \$79.99            | 18 (Rose winner)       |
| Ruinart Brut Rose                     | \$99.99            | 14                     |

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### **2019 Tasting Schedule**

Below is our nascent schedule for this year. As you can see we have a lot of TBDs for the themes, but they will get filled in soon, I'm sure. I've also included a lot of names for house and wine hosts based on this year. However, I've put question marks next to those people I haven't yet spoken to yet, so don't be alarmed if you see your name and can't or don't want to serve in the hosting role. I'll be reaching out shortly to confirm with everyone.

| <b>Month</b>             | <b>House Host</b>            | <b>Wine Host</b>                   | <b>Theme</b>                                      |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| January<br>1/20/19       | Jerry & Dorothy<br>Hampton   | Janine Wilson                      | Reliable Reds                                     |
| February<br>2/12 or 2/24 | George & Jackie Grillon      | Robert Horrocks                    | TBD   |
| March<br>3/17/19         | Eileen Sien                  | Michael Sien                       | Hidden Gem Varietals<br>Annual Meeting beforehand |
| April<br>4/21/19         | John & Ann Carr              | John Carr                          | TBD   |
| May<br>5/19/19           | Frank & Dolores<br>Batavik   | Nan Slick??                        | TBD   |
| June<br>6/9 or 6/16      | Ron & Linda Riley            | Pat Valas ??                       | National Tasting                                  |
| July<br>7/21/19          | George & Jackie Grillon      | N/A                                | Picnic  |
| August<br>8/18/19        | Jerry & Dorothy<br>Hampton   | Jerry & Dorothy<br>Hampton         | Greek Wines??                                     |
| September<br>9/22/19     | Lynn and Joe<br>Breeding??   | Leroy Stewart &<br>Simone Haslauer | TBD   |
| October<br>10/20/19      | Robert & Kelly<br>Horrocks?? | TBD                                | TBD   |
| November<br>11/17/18     | Bill & Michele Sadler ??     | Nan Slick??                        | TBD   |
| December<br>12/8/19      | Corynne Courpas??            | John Landon                        | Champagne Soiree                                  |



February - 2019

To: Members of the CARROLL COUNTY MD CHAPTER/AMERICAN WINE SOCIETY  
From: Jerry Hampton, Chapter Chair

Happy Groundhog day! After the past couple of weeks of unusual cold, I have to say that I was personally happy to hear that Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow this morning. So, I guess it's nearly time to break out the Rose, right? Here's to an early spring!

Well, regardless of when spring weather actually arrives, February of late means one thing to our club, and that is a wine tasting at the Grillon's with Robert Horrocks serving as our wine host. Robert always does a great job introducing us to new wines and providing an interesting and educational tasting. This year is no exception.

Our tasting theme this month is: **A Journey through Merlot – France, California, South America**. I think it's been quite a while since we had a tasting focused on Merlot, and I really like the idea of comparing Merlot's characteristics from different regions. Don't miss this tasting or you'll be sorry. (I didn't mean for that to sound like a threat.)

**IMPORTANT:** There is one important difference this year. Because Robert will be on travel the third Sunday, **our February tasting will be the fourth Sunday, February 24.**

Please RSVP Vm: YVfi Ufm&\$"H\Y"; fj`cbg`dfYZyf`hUhimci `FGJ D`VmYa Uj`"

As usual, the tasting begins at 2 PM and as always: Please don't forget to bring an entrée, appetizer, or dessert to share!

### ***Last Month's News***

I'd like to offer a hearty thanks to Janine Wilson for serving as our wine host for January. Janine's theme was "Reliable Reds", and we tasted some excellent, very reasonably priced red wines. This was Janine's first time serving as a wine host, and I really appreciate her willingness to serve in that capacity. Thanks Janine!

The voting results from the January tasting are shown below:

| <b>Wine</b>                     | <b>Retail Cost</b> | <b>Number of Votes</b> |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Vila Real Reserva – warm up     | \$10.99            | 0                      |
| Nuna Bonarda                    | \$15.99            | 0                      |
| Broquel Malbec                  | \$14.99            | 0                      |
| Guigal Cotes Du Rhone           | \$16.99            | 4                      |
| Lan Reserva                     | \$21.99            | 1                      |
| Alexander Valley Redemption Zin | \$29.99            | 6 (winner)             |
| Molly Dooker Shiraz             | \$29.99            | 3                      |

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### ***Miscellaneous***

**Upcoming Tasting Date Changes:** Normally, our chapter has its tastings on the the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. However, we will need to deviate from this practice in a couple of upcoming months this year. As already mentioned, February needs to be moved to the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Also, since Easter occurs on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of April this year (the latest it can possibly occur), we will probably need to move our April tasting to another Sunday. The exact date for April is not yet set. These changes are/will be reflected in the schedule below.

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|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| January<br>1/20/19             | Jerry & Dorothy<br>Hampton   | Janine Wilson                         | Reliable Reds  |
| February<br>2/24/19            | George & Jackie Grillon      | Robert Horrocks                       | A Journey through Merlot: France,<br>California, South America |
| March<br>3/17/19               | Eileen Sien                  | Michael Sien                          | Hidden Gem Varietals<br>Annual Meeting beforehand              |
| April<br>4/14/19 or<br>4/28/19 | John & Ann Carr              | John Carr                             | TBD  |
| May<br>5/19/19                 | Frank & Dolores<br>Batavik   | Nan Slick??                           | The ABCs theme – The final episode                             |
| June<br>6/16                   | Ron & Linda Riley            | Pat Valas ??                          | National Tasting: Terroir Study of Napa<br>Valley              |
| July<br>7/21/19                | George & Jackie Grillon      | N/A                                   | Picnic   |
| August<br>8/18/19              | Jerry & Dorothy<br>Hampton   | Jerry & Dorothy<br>Hampton            | Greek Wines  |
| September<br>9/22/19           | Lynn and Joe<br>Breeding??   | Leroy Stewart &<br>Simone Haslauer ?? | TBD  |
| October<br>10/20/19            | Robert & Kelly<br>Horrocks?? | TBD                                   | TBD  |
| November<br>11/17/18           | Bill & Michele Sadler        | Nan Slick                             |  |
| December<br>12/8/19            | Corynne Courpas              | John Landon                           | Champagne Soiree   |



March - 2019

To: Members of the CARROLL COUNTY MD CHAPTER/AMERICAN WINE SOCIETY  
From: Jerry Hampton, Chapter Chair

Since our February tasting was a week later than normal and February is a short month, I'm a little off my game and a couple of days later than normal getting the newsletter out. So, that's my excuse and I'm stickin' to it!

Now that I've gotten that off my chest, let's turn our attention to March, and all I can say is that we've got a true gem of a tasting coming up. In fact, the tasting theme for March is **Hidden Gem Varietals** that will introduce us to some lesser known grapes that make for some mighty fine wines. The March tasting will be held at the home of our very own **Eileen Sien**, on Sunday **March 17** at 2 PM following our annual business meeting at 1 PM (see details below).

Our wine host for March will be Eileen's brother-in-law, Michael Sien, who has led tastings for our group for the past several years to great acclaim. As you may remember, Michael is a long-time restaurateur who has worked with many top Mid Atlantic area wine professionals. Michael is a wonderful presenter and very knowledgeable, so I know this will be a great tasting.

Please RSVP by March 13 via phone or email.

As always: *Please don't forget to bring an entrée, appetizer, or dessert to share!*

## ***Annual Business Meeting March 17<sup>th</sup> 1 PM***

As mentioned above, we will hold our annual business meeting at 1 PM immediately prior to the March tasting at Eileen's house. The agenda for this year's business meeting is as follows:

- Treasurer report
- Chapter membership growth
- House and wine host needs
- New tasting theme ideas

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### ***Last Month's News***

I'd like to thank George and Jackie Grillon for once again opening their home to our group for the February tasting and to Robert Horrocks for doing such an excellent job as our wine host. We tasted some absolutely stunning Merlots and Robert really made it hard for us when the time came for voting. But as they say, when the going gets tough the tough get going, and, so, vote we did despite the challenge.

The voting results from the February tasting are shown below:

| <b>Wine</b>                         | <b>Retail Cost</b> | <b>Number of Votes</b> |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Chateau La Roche St. Jean Rose 2017 | \$11.99            | Omitted from vote      |
| Milbrandt Estate 2012               | \$29.99            | 8 (winner)             |
| Truchard Estate 2012                | \$29.99            | 0                      |
| Lapostolle Curvee Alexandria Chile  | \$32.99            | 2                      |
| Falesco Montiano 2011               | \$44.99            | 6                      |
| Chateau Simard Saint Emillon 2010   | \$56.99            | 2                      |
| Molly Dooker The Scooter 2016       | \$29.99            | 1                      |

## Miscellaneous

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### 2019 Tasting Schedule

| Month                          | House Host                   | Wine Host                             | Theme   |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| January<br>1/20/19             | Jerry & Dorothy<br>Hampton   | Janine Wilson                         | Reliable Reds   |
| February<br>2/24/19            | George & Jackie Grillon      | Robert Horrocks                       | A Journey through Merlot: France, California, South America |
| March<br>3/17/19               | Eileen Sien                  | Michael Sien                          | Hidden Gem Varietals<br>Annual Meeting beforehand           |
| April<br>4/14/19 or<br>4/28/19 | John & Ann Carr              | John Carr                             | TBD   |
| May<br>5/19/19                 | Frank & Dolores<br>Batavik   | Nan Slick                             | Bargain White Burgundies                                    |
| June<br>6/16                   | Ron & Linda Riley            | Pat Valas                             | National Tasting: Terroir Study of Napa Valley              |
| July<br>7/21/19                | George & Jackie Grillon      | N/A                                   | Picnic  |
| August<br>8/18/19              | Jerry & Dorothy<br>Hampton   | Jerry & Dorothy<br>Hampton            | Greek Wines   |
| September<br>9/22/19           | ?                            | Leroy Stewart &<br>Simone Haslauer ?? | TBD   |
| October<br>10/20/19            | Robert & Kelly<br>Horrocks?? | TBD                                   | TBD   |
| November<br>11/17/18           | Bill & Michele Sadler        | Nan Slick                             | The ABCs theme – The final episode                          |
| December<br>12/8/19            | Corynne Courpas              | John Landon                           | Champagne Soiree  |



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April - 2019

To: Members of the CARROLL COUNTY MD CHAPTER/AMERICAN WINE SOCIETY  
From: Jerry Hampton, Chapter Chair

Those of you who have been in our chapter for a while know that there is a sizable contingent of members who really like big, luscious red wines. If, by any chance, you are one of them, our April tasting is going to be right down your alley.

And when I think of BIG REDS there's one name that comes to mind: John Carr. Yes, John is our wine host this month, and he will be leading us through what I'm sure will be a memorable tasting focused on truly gargantuan reds. The title of the tasting is, appropriately, **Big A\_\_ Reds Revisted.**

John tells me that this will be the last tasting that he and Ann will be able to host for a while. So, in recognition of this historical event, this tasting will be a retrospective of those unctuous treats widely enjoyed at previous Carr tastings. WARNING: These will not be light and subtle reds. These will be viscous, bombastic reds, sure to stain your teeth. Whew! I'm salivating just writing this.

Not only will John be the wine host, but he and Ann will be our house hosts for April. The tasting will be on **Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM** (note that this is the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month because of Easter).

Please **RSVP by April 24** by emailing John and Ann. When you do, please put "tasting" in the subject line.

As always: Please don't forget to bring an entrée, appetizer, or dessert to share!

NOTE: There is the possibility that this tasting will exceed \$30.00 per person.

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## ***Last Month's News***

I'd like to extend sincere thanks to Eileen and Richard Sein for opening their home once again this year for our March tasting and to Eileen's brother in law, Michael Sein, for being our wine host. Michael did his usual fantastic job of sharing his extensive knowledge of wine in a fun and engaging manner. We got to taste wines made from some grapes many of us had never heard of, and the wines were really excellent. And if that wasn't good enough, Michael surprised us at the end with a mystery wine personally supplied by him. What a great tasting!

The voting results from the March tasting are shown below:

| <b>Wine</b>                                  | <b>Retail Cost</b> | <b>Number of Votes</b> |
|--|--------------------|------------------------|
| Dr. Heidermanns Riesling Burt Sekt (Warm up) | \$23.99            | 5                      |
| Rocca Felice Roero Arneis 2017               | \$15.99            | 7                      |
| Donnachiara Fiano di Avellino 2017           | \$18.99            | 10 (Winner, whites)    |
| Palmalias Vermentino 2017                    | \$17.99            | 3                      |
| Cline Mourvedre 2016                         | \$14.49            | 16 (Winner, reds)      |
| Gotin del Risc Bierzo Mencia 2016            | \$15.99            | 2                      |
| Donnachiara Aglianico 2013                   | \$17.99            | 9                      |

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## ***March Business Meeting Notes***

We held our annual business meetings in March prior to the tasting. The main topics covered were as follows:

- Treasurer report: There was no treasurer report because John Landon was out of town. John will provide that information at our April tasting.
- Wine and House Hosts: We need to develop a list of people who are interested in serving as either house or wine hosts (or both). Please email me (hamptjr1@gmail.com) if you would like to consider serving in these capacities.
- Membership growth: We discussed membership growth of our chapter. Suggestions were given to use social media, brochures at wineries and retail stores to recruit new members. A Marketing Committee was formed consisting of members: Lynn Breeding, Linda Riley, Corynne Corpus, and Chris Koch. The committee will meet to discuss a) do we need/want to grow the chapter; b) if so, what are some recommended strategies for doing so. The committee will come up with ideas and share those with the chapter at a yet to be determined date.

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**Seeking a House Host:** Please note that we are in need of a house host for September. Please let me know if you would be willing to serve in that capacity.

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|----------------------|----------------------------|--|--|
| January<br>1/20/19   | Jerry & Dorothy<br>Hampton | Janine Wilson  | Reliable Reds  |
| February<br>2/24/19  | George & Jackie Grillon    | Robert Horrocks  | A Journey through Merlot: France,<br>California, South America |
| March<br>3/17/19     | Eileen Sien                | Michael Sien   | Hidden Gem Varietals<br>Annual Meeting beforehand              |
| April<br>4/28/19     | John & Ann Carr            | John Carr  | Big A__ Reds   |
| May<br>5/19/19       | Frank & Dolores<br>Batavik | Nan Slick  | Bargain White Burgundies                                       |
| June<br>6/16         | Ron & Linda Riley          | Pat Valas  | National Tasting: Terroir Study of Napa<br>Valley              |
| July<br>7/21/19      | George & Jackie Grillon    | N/A  | Picnic   |
| August<br>8/18/19    | Jerry & Dorothy<br>Hampton | Jerry & Dorothy<br>Hampton                                   | Greek Wines  |
| September<br>9/22/19 | <b>?</b>                   | Leroy Stewart &<br>Simone Haslauer                           | TBD  |
| October<br>10/20/19  | Robert & Kelly Horrocks    | Meggan Robinson<br>Mike Bareford<br>Tracy Koch<br>Chris Koch | Mystery Tasting  |
| November<br>11/17/18 | Bill & Michele Sadler      | Nan Slick  | The ABCs theme – The final episode                             |
| December<br>12/8/19  | Corynne Courpas            | John Landon  | Champagne Soiree   |



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May - 2019

To: Members of the CARROLL COUNTY MD CHAPTER/AMERICAN WINE SOCIETY  
From: Jerry Hampton, Chapter Chair

Now that we are in the merry month of May with its flowers and warm weather, a wine lover's fancy inevitably lightly turns to thoughts of, well, lighter wines (apologies to the poet, Alfred Tennyson). So, what kind of lighter wines might we be tasting this month you ask? Well, not just any wines. We will be tasting wines from the renowned region of Burgundy, France. What a great way to usher in spring weather!

Our wine theme for May is **More Burgundy – Less Bucks: Burgundy From the Other Side of the Tracks!** Our wine host will be the incomparable Nan Slick who will be leading us through a tasting with examples of Burgundy wines from lesser known and/or other areas of Burgundy than the Premier Cru areas. Affordable Burgundy sounds like a winning combination to me. So, I'm definitely looking forward to this tasting.

The May tasting will be at the home of **Frank and Dori Batavik**, who generously offered their home last May also. The tasting will be on **Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM.**

**Please RSVP to the Bataviks by May 15 via phone or by email.**

As always: Please don't forget to bring an entrée, appetizer, or dessert to share!

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## ***Last Month's News***

I want to thank John and Ann Carr for once again opening their home to us for the April tasting and to John for leading the tasting. The theme was Big A-- Reds, and I'm sure you will agree with me that the wines definitely lived up to their billing. It was a wonderful tasting that provided a retrospective of some of John's favorite big reds from previous tastings he hosted. Thank you John and Ann for the many great tastings you've held at your home over the years!

The voting results from the April tasting are shown below:

| <b>Wine</b>   | <b>Retail Cost</b> | <b>Number of Votes</b> |
|---|--------------------|------------------------|
| Opener: Rocaliere Tavel Rose  | \$19.99            | Omitted from vote      |
| Faustino Gran Reserva 2001  | \$29.99            | 0                      |
| Chateau du Cedre "Vin Natural" Cahors Malbec 2016                     | \$29.99            | 1                      |
| Ridge Petite Syrah 2016   | \$47.99            | 0                      |
| Hess Collection Cabernet Sauvignon Mount Veeder Napa Valley 2014      | \$69.99            | 7                      |
| Krup Brothers Cabernet Sauvignon Stagecoach Vineyard Napa Valley 2008 | \$104.99           | 14 (winner)            |
| Zenato Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 2014                       | \$69.99            | 7                      |

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## ***Miscellaneous***

**House Host Needed:** We need a house host for the August 18 tasting (see schedule below). If I can get that filled we will have our schedule all done for the remainder of this year. Please let me know if you would consider serving in that capacity. If you aren't sure what's involved, I'd be happy to discuss that with you, so just drop me an email.

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--|--|
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| May<br>5/19/19                 | Frank & Dolores<br>Batavik | Nan Slick                                      | More Burgundy – Less Bucks: Burgundy<br>From the Other Side of the Tracks! |
| June<br>6/16                   | Ron & Linda Riley          | Pat Valas                                      | National Tasting: Terroir Study of Napa<br>Valley                          |
| July<br>7/21/19                | George & Jackie Grillon    | N/A  | Picnic   |
| August<br>8/18/19              | <b>?</b>                   | Leroy Stewart &<br>Simone Haslauer             | TBD  |
| September<br>9/15/19           | Jerry & Dorothy<br>Hampton | Fran Kysela of<br>Kysela Pere et Fils,<br>Ltd. | Country French Wines   |
| October<br>10/20/19            | Robert & Kelly Horrocks    | Tracy Koch and<br>Meggan Robinson              | A Mystery Tasting (BOO!)   |
| November<br>11/17/18           | Bill & Michele Sadler      | Nan Slick                                      | The ABCs theme – The final episode   |
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June - 2019

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From: Jerry Hampton, Chapter Chair

This month we will participate in the annual American Wine Society's *National Tasting Project*, which is when all the AWS chapters throughout the US taste and score the same wines. Our chapter conducts the NTP each June, and this year the theme is **The Terroir of Napa Valley**, which will be presented by CCAWS member, Pat Valas, who as many of you know is a certified wine instructor.

Pat has led our NTP tastings for quite a few years and always does a phenomenal job. Pat will lead us through a diverse lineup of wines representing different grape varieties and soils from 7 of the 17 Napa Valley appellations, demonstrating that Napa is not just for Cabernet Sauvignon. This sounds like an absolute winner of a tasting, so make sure you RSVP early to get your space.

The June tasting will take place at the home of **Ron and Linda Riley**, on Sunday, June 16 at 2 PM. Please RSVP by June 12<sup>th</sup> (the earlier the better) via email or by phone.

As always: Please don't forget to bring an entrée, appetizer, or dessert to share!

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### ***Last Month's News***

I'd like to thank Frank and Dori Batavik for being our house hosts last month and to Nan Slick for serving as wine host. The theme of our May tasting was "More Burgundy – Less Bucks: Burgundy From the Other Side of the Tracks!" and Nan led us through some really excellent Burgundy wines for a fraction of the cost that one normally finds for that region. Thanks Nan, Frank, and Dori for a fun and informative tasting.

The voting results from the May tasting are shown below:

| <b>Wine</b>  | <b>Retail Cost</b> | <b>Number of Votes</b> |
|--|--------------------|------------------------|
| <u>Opener</u> : La Maison du Cremant Cremant de Bourgogne Brut | \$16.99            | 2                      |
| Simonnet-Febvre Saint Bris Sauvignon Blanc, 2017               | \$16.99            | 3                      |
| Domaine Dupeuble Pere et Beaujolais Blanc 2017                 | \$16.99            | 2                      |
| Domaine de l'Eveche Bourgogne 2016 Cote Chalonnaise            | \$20.99            | 1                      |
| Domaine Fichet Macon-Villages 2017 Le Crepillonne Chardonnay   | \$19.99            | 10 (winner)            |
| Jean-Marc Brocard Chablis Saint Claire 2017                    | \$26.99            | 1                      |
| Domaine de Fa Beaujolais 2016                                  | \$23.99            | Favorite (only) red    |

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### ***Miscellaneous***

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## **2019 Tasting Schedule**

| <b>Month</b>                   | <b>House Host</b>          | <b>Wine Host</b>                               | <b>Theme</b>  |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--|---|
| January<br>1/20/19             | Jerry & Dorothy<br>Hampton | Janine Wilson                                  | Reliable Reds   |
| February<br>2/24/19            | George & Jackie Grillon    | Robert Horrocks                                | A Journey through Merlot: France, California, South America             |
| March<br>3/17/19               | Eileen Sien                | Michael Sien                                   | Hidden Gem Varietals<br>Annual Meeting beforehand                       |
| April<br>4/14/19 or<br>4/28/19 | John & Ann Carr            | John Carr                                      | Big A-- Reds  |
| May<br>5/19/19                 | Frank & Dolores<br>Batavik | Nan Slick                                      | More Burgundy – Less Bucks: Burgundy From the Other Side of the Tracks! |
| June<br>6/16                   | Ron & Linda Riley          | Pat Valas                                      | National Tasting: Terroir Study of Napa Valley                          |
| July<br>7/21/19                | George & Jackie Grillon    | N/A  | Picnic  |
| August<br>8/18/19              | Simone Haslauer            | Leroy Stewart &<br>Simone Haslauer             | TBD   |
| September<br>9/15/19           | Jerry & Dorothy<br>Hampton | Fran Kysela of<br>Kysela Pere et Fils,<br>Ltd. | Country French Wines  |
| October<br>10/20/19            | Robert & Kelly Horrocks    | Tracy Koch and<br>Meggan Robinson              | A Mystery Tasting (BOO!)  |
| November<br>11/17/18           | Bill & Michele Sadler      | Nan Slick                                      | The ABCs theme – The final episode                                      |
| December<br>12/8/19            | Corynne Courpas            | John Landon                                    | Champagne Soiree  |



July - 2019

**To:** Members of the Carroll County Md Chapter/American Wine Society  
**From:** Jerry Hampton, Chapter Chair

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July everybody. Sorry for being a bit later than normal in getting the newsletter out this month, but Dorothy and I have been away on vacation and I'm playing catchup. This month is our club's annual **CAWS Cookout and Pool Party!!!** And, as is tradition, **George and Jackie Grillon** have generously agreed to host this event at their spectacular country home in northwest Carroll County. This is a wonderful venue for a picnic, with lots of acreage, a beautiful pool, vineyards, trails for strolling, horseshoes, and even a driving range for the golfers in our group. I guarantee you will have a great time.

Our annual cookout and pool party is open to all members, their families and guests. Hamburgers and hot dogs are provided by the club, so all you need to do is bring a tasty side dish and/or dessert, some wine to share (a bottle per person), and a willingness to relax and enjoy yourself. Also, make sure to bring your swim suit and a towel if you plan on enjoying the pool.

The cookout this year is **Sunday, July 21**, and the time, as usual, is 2 PM. Jackie prefers that you RSVP by email, if possible. Please respond by Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. I look forward to seeing you there!

In addition to our picnic, there are a couple of important announcements I'm including below that relate to opportunities that may be of interest to many of you. These opportunities relate to a new discount program for AWS members at Total Wine & More stores and to an upcoming AWS Master Tasting Class. Please see details in the announcements below.

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## ***Last Month's News***

Although Dorothy and I were not able to be at the June tasting, I heard that it was a great success. Last month's tasting was the National Tasting Project (NTP), and I'd like to especially thank Ron and Linda Riley for opening their home to our group and to Pat Valas who served as wine host at this event. It sounds like there were some really great wines presented. Thanks to everyone for making this year's National Tasting Project such a success.

The table below lists the eight wines from the NTP tasting in June. In addition, the warmups include the following:

- Sideways pinot noir, France
- Roblar pinot noir, California
- Maison Nicholas chardonnay, France
- Wente Morning Fog chardonnay, California
- Esporao rose blend, Portugal
- Pacific Peak chardonnay, California

| <b>Wine</b>  | <b>Retail Price (\$)</b> | <b>Voting results</b> |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Whites</b>  |                          |                       |
| St. Supery Sauvignon Blanc 2017 from Rutherford      | \$18.35                  |                       |
| Robert Mondavi Sauvignon Blanc 2016 from Oakville    | \$17.27                  |                       |
| Stag's Leap Viognier 2017 from Stag's Leap           | \$31.85                  |                       |
| Hafafen Chardonnay 2016 from Oak Knoll               | \$28.77                  | Winner White          |
| <b>Reds</b>  |                          |                       |
| Stag's Leap Winery Petit Syrah 2016 from Napa        | \$36.23                  |                       |
| Green and Red Zinfandel 2015 from Napa               | \$25.57                  | Winner Red            |
| Whitehall Lane Red Blend 2015 from St. Helena        | \$23.21                  |                       |
| Mount Veeder Cabernet Sauvignon 2016 from Mt. Veeder | \$39.41                  |                       |

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## **Total Wine Discounts**

Our AWS Regional VP for Maryland, Wendy Weiss, has recently worked with **Total Wine & More** to establish the ability for AWS members to receive a 15% discount on wine and 10% off purchases of spirits at Total Wine & More stores. The way it works is that you need to first setup an account with Total Wine where you enter your email and phone number. Thereafter, all you have to do is give your phone number to the cashier when you checkout and your discount will automatically be applied to your purchase. The formal instructions from Total Discount are as follows:

### **Corporate Discount How-To**

The first thing we need to do is get you a loyalty rewards account. (If you already have one then just send me the telephone number and email associated with the account.)

- 1) Get yourself set up here: <https://www.totalwine.com/register>
- 2) Then email me the telephone number and email you are registered with and I will load your corporate discounts.

Once you sign up for our rewards program, I'll let you know when I have loaded your exclusive offers and all you'll have to do is provide the telephone number to the cashier at the time of purchase, so your discounts will automatically apply.

Please contact Alexandra Agostini, manager for Total Wine Business Partnerships, if you have any questions. Alexandra's email is [aagostini@totalwine.com](mailto:aagostini@totalwine.com).

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## **AWS Master Tasting Class**

I am pleased to announce that an AWS Master Tasting class is being planned for all Maryland AWS members and guests in September. The purpose of this class is to provide a formal training opportunity to help refine your wine tasting skills. Although the details of the class are still being worked out, current plans are to conduct the class on September 7 from noon to 3:00 PM in Lutherville, MD. The cost of the class will depend on the number of attendees, but the price is expected to be in the \$25 to \$35 range per person. The primary goal at this point is to get an approximate head count. If you think you might be interested, please email Wendy Weiss at [wendyweiss10@gmail.com](mailto:wendyweiss10@gmail.com) and let her know you have an interest. Please also direct any questions you might have about this potential training opportunity to Wendy.

## **Miscellaneous**

**Member Wine Discounts:** The following establishments offer discounts to AWS members – College Square Liquors and Cranberry Liquors in Westminster, Main Street Liquors, Hampstead, Total Discount Liquors, Eldersburg, and Total Wine & More.

## **2019 Tasting Schedule**

| <b>Month</b>                   | <b>House Host</b>       | <b>Wine Host</b>                         | <b>Theme</b>   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|
| January<br>1/20/19             | Jerry & Dorothy Hampton | Janine Wilson                            | Reliable Reds  |
| February<br>2/24/19            | George & Jackie Grillon | Robert Horrocks                          | A Journey through Merlot: France, California, South America              |
| March<br>3/17/19               | Eileen Sien             | Michael Sien                             | Hidden Gem Varietals<br>Annual Meeting beforehand                        |
| April<br>4/14/19 or<br>4/28/19 | John & Ann Carr         | John Carr                                | Big A-- Reds   |
| May<br>5/19/19                 | Frank & Dolores Batavik | Nan Slick                                | More Burgundy – Less Bucks: Burgundy From the Other Side of the Tracks!  |
| June<br>6/16                   | Ron & Linda Riley       | Pat Valas                                | National Tasting: Terroir Study of Napa Valley                           |
| July<br>7/21/19                | George & Jackie Grillon | N/A                                      | Picnic   |
| August<br>8/18/19              | Simone Haslauer         | Leroy Stewart & Simone Haslauer          | Summertime an' the livin' is easy with the last of the summer wine: Rosé |
| September<br>9/15/19           | Jerry & Dorothy Hampton | Fran Kysela of Kysela Pere et Fils, Ltd. | Country French Wines   |
| October<br>10/20/19            | Robert & Kelly Horrocks | Tracy Koch and Meggan Robinson           | A Mystery Tasting (BOO!)   |
| November<br>11/17/18           | Bill & Michele Sadler   | Nan Slick                                | The ABCs theme – The final episode                                       |
| December<br>12/8/19            | Corynne Courpas         | John Landon                              | Champagne Soiree   |



August - 2019

**To:** Members of the Carroll County Md Chapter/American Wine Society

**From:** Jerry Hampton, Chapter Chair

I hope everyone is having a good summer so far. I don't know about you, but I love warm weather and the long days that summer brings. And when it comes to wine, there is no better summer wine than rosé. So, guess what? Our August tasting is going to provide you the opportunity to taste some really outstanding rosé wines. The title of our August tasting is **"Summertime an' the livin' is easy with the last of the summer wine: rosé"**

Although rosé has often been thought of as just a wine to quaff on a hot summer's day, rosé has also become a very serious wine. There have certainly been serious rosés all along, but they have been few and far between – and expensive, especially if a trip to France was required! This month, we will have eight, yes you heard me, eight wines to taste! But even with eight rosés, that cannot do justice to all the great rosés now available at reasonable prices.

Our tasting this month will be presented by the phenomenal team of Simone Haslauer and Leroy Stewart. Simone and Leroy have teamed up in previous years and have always been wonderful wine hosts. This year, Simone has graciously agreed to also serve as our house host, so thanks in advance to both of you, and especially to Simone for opening your home to our group.

**IMPORTANT:** This month our tasting will be held on the second Sunday instead of the usual third. The tasting will be at 2:00 PM on **August 11**, 2019. Please email (preferred) your **RSVPs by August 7**.

As always: Please don't forget to bring an entrée, appetizer, or dessert to share!

## ***Last Month's News***

Last month was our annual CCAWS picnic at the Grillon's. Despite the heat, everyone had a wonderful time relaxing, playing horse shoes, drinking wine, eating some incredible food, cooling off in the pool, hitting some golf balls, drinking wine, cooling off in the pool, eating some more incredible food, and drinking wine.

I want to sincerely thank Jackie and George Grillon for once again opening their home to our group for the annual picnic. Jackie and George have hosted our annual picnic for many years, and it's always a great time. Thanks to both of you for your generosity!

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## ***Miscellaneous***

**AWS Master Tasting Class:** In the July newsletter, I announced that there will be an AWS Master Tasting Class on September 7. I recently learned that the cost will be about \$30 per person, depending on exactly how many people participate. Please email Wendy Weiss, our AWS Region VP if you plan to attend and to arrange payment in advance.

**Member Wine Discounts:** The following establishments offer discounts to AWS members – College Square Liquors and Cranberry Liquors in Westminster, Main Street Liquors, Hampstead, Total Discount Liquors, Eldersburg, and Total Wine & More (new – see the July newsletter for details)

## **2019 Tasting Schedule**

| <b>Month</b>                   | <b>House Host</b>       | <b>Wine Host</b>                         | <b>Theme</b>   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|
| January<br>1/20/19             | Jerry & Dorothy Hampton | Janine Wilson                            | Reliable Reds  |
| February<br>2/24/19            | George & Jackie Grillon | Robert Horrocks                          | A Journey through Merlot: France, California, South America              |
| March<br>3/17/19               | Eileen Sien             | Michael Sien                             | Hidden Gem Varietals<br>Annual Meeting beforehand                        |
| April<br>4/14/19 or<br>4/28/19 | John & Ann Carr         | John Carr                                | Big A-- Reds   |
| May<br>5/19/19                 | Frank & Dolores Batavik | Nan Slick                                | More Burgundy – Less Bucks: Burgundy from the Other Side of the Tracks!  |
| June<br>6/16                   | Ron & Linda Riley       | Pat Valas                                | National Tasting: Terroir Study of Napa Valley                           |
| July<br>7/21/19                | George & Jackie Grillon | N/A                                      | Picnic   |
| August<br>8/11/19              | Simone Haslauer         | Leroy Stewart & Simone Haslauer          | Summertime an’ the livin’ is easy with the last of the summer wine: Rosé |
| September<br>9/15/19           | Jerry & Dorothy Hampton | Fran Kysela of Kysela Pere et Fils, Ltd. | Country French Wines   |
| October<br>10/20/19            | Robert & Kelly Horrocks | Tracy Koch and Meggan Robinson           | A Mystery Tasting (BOO!)   |
| November<br>11/17/18           | Bill & Michele Sadler   | Nan Slick                                | The ABCs theme – The final episode                                       |
| December<br>12/8/19            | Corynne Courpas         | John Landon                              | Champagne Soiree   |



AMERICAN WINE SOCIETY  
YEARS OF WINE DISCOVERY

September - 2019

To: Members of the CARROLL COUNTY MD CHAPTER/AMERICAN WINE SOCIETY  
From: Jerry Hampton, Chapter Chair

Welcome to September everyone – the official end of summer and the beginning of the beginning of fall. To mark this transition, we have a truly special tasting planned this month. Before I divulge the details, let me give a little bit of background.

Last March I had the privilege of attending the annual trade tasting at Kysela distributors in Winchester, VA, an annual event where wine producers from all over the world come to Winchester with their wines to meet buyers and retailers. This was a fabulous event with over 500 wines to taste and amazing gourmet food to boot! Kysela distributors has been voted Importer of the Year by Wine Enthusiast magazine and distributes to 47 US states, the District of Columbia, Turks & Caicos, Puerto Rico and Canada with gross yearly sales of \$32,000,000. As you can tell, Kysela is a big operation with access to a huge range of wines.

So, as you might imagine I could not have been more excited when I learned that the owner and founder of Kysela Distributors, Fran Kysela, was interested in reaching out to local AWS chapters and has agreed to be our wine host for the September tasting. The theme of this tasting will be **French Country Wines**. In addition, Fran will talk about how he got into the wine business and what the wine distribution business is like.

Fran is a Master Sommelier and has been in the wine business for 39 years, working previously as a wholesale representative, wine steward, and a national sales director before starting his importing business. This tasting will be a unique opportunity to learn about the wine business as well as some unique and fabulous French wines. You don't want to miss this tasting!

The September tasting will take place at the home of **Jerry and Dorothy Hampton**, on Sunday, **September 15** at 2 PM. Please RSVP by September 11 via email or by phone.

As always: Please don't forget to bring an entrée, appetizer, or dessert to share!

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### ***Last Month's News***

I'd like to thank Simone Haslauer and Leroy Stewart for being our wine hosts last month and to Simone for doing double duty as our House Host, too. This was a great tasting that allowed us to taste some truly wonderful rosés from multiple places around the globe. Thanks to both of you for once again "knocking it out of the park".

The voting results from the August tasting are shown below:

| <b>Wine</b>                                 | <b>Retail Cost</b> | <b>Number of Votes</b> |
|---|--------------------|------------------------|
| <u>Opener</u> : Ka Ferme de Gicon Rose 2018 | \$9.99             | 0                      |
| Aime Roquesante Rose 2018                   | \$12.99            | 0                      |
| Marques de Caceres Rose 2018                | \$10.99            | 2                      |
| Long Meadow Ranch Rose 2018                 | \$25.99            | 8                      |
| Mas de la Rouviere Rose 2018                | \$24.99            | 5                      |
| Il Ramato 2018, Scarbola                    | \$17.99            | 2                      |
| Les Lauzeraies                              | \$14.99            | 11 (winner)            |
| Broadbent Rose 2018                         | \$9.99             | 1                      |

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## **2019 Tasting Schedule**

| <b>Month</b>                   | <b>House Host</b>          | <b>Wine Host</b>                               | <b>Theme</b>  |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--|---|
| January<br>1/20/19             | Jerry & Dorothy<br>Hampton | Janine Wilson                                  | Reliable Reds   |
| February<br>2/24/19            | George & Jackie Grillon    | Robert Horrocks                                | A Journey through Merlot: France, California, South America             |
| March<br>3/17/19               | Eileen Sien                | Michael Sien                                   | Hidden Gem Varietals<br>Annual Meeting beforehand                       |
| April<br>4/14/19 or<br>4/28/19 | John & Ann Carr            | John Carr                                      | Big A-- Reds  |
| May<br>5/19/19                 | Frank & Dolores<br>Batavik | Nan Slick                                      | More Burgundy – Less Bucks: Burgundy From the Other Side of the Tracks! |
| June<br>6/16                   | Ron & Linda Riley          | Pat Valas                                      | National Tasting: Terroir Study of Napa Valley                          |
| July<br>7/21/19                | George & Jackie Grillon    | N/A  | Picnic  |
| August<br>8/18/19              | Simone Haslauer            | Leroy Stewart &<br>Simone Haslauer             | TBD   |
| September<br>9/15/19           | Jerry & Dorothy<br>Hampton | Fran Kysela of<br>Kysela Pere et Fils,<br>Ltd. | Country French Wines  |
| October<br>10/20/19            | Robert & Kelly Horrocks    | Tracy Koch and<br>Meggan Robinson              | A Mystery Tasting (BOO!)  |
| November<br>11/17/18           | Bill & Michele Sadler      | Nan Slick                                      | The ABCs theme – The final episode                                      |
| December<br>12/8/19            | Corynne Courpas            | John Landon                                    | Champagne Soiree  |



October - 2019

To: Members of the CARROLL COUNTY MD CHAPTER/AMERICAN WINE SOCIETY  
From: Jerry Hampton, Chapter Chair

As I'm writing this newsletter we are nearing the end of a record shattering hot day in October that makes it really hard to think of autumn. But change is in the offing, and soon we'll feel the crisp days of fall with changing leaves, pumpkins and Halloween. To commemorate this season, we have a really special tasting on tap this month that will, I'm told, have some mystery aspects to it that I know you won't want to miss.

This month, our tasting theme is **A Mystery Tasting (BOO!)** and our wines hosts will be **Tracy Koch** and **Meggan Robinson**. Tracy and Meggan tell me that they are super excited about the tasting they have conjured up for October and that they have literally spent months tasting and assembling an outstanding lineup of wines – that all share one thing in common ... Bwahahaha! So, bring an open mind and see if you can figure out their mystery theme ... Bwahahahahaha!

Our October tasting will be on **October 20** at 2:00 PM at the home of **Kelly and Robert Horrocks**. Please RSVP Robert and Kelly by October 16 either by text or voice mail (either is preferred), or email.

PLEASE NOTE: Because of space limitations please RSVP soon to ensure a space.

Please also be advised that the cost per person of this tasting may exceed \$30.

As always: Please don't forget to bring an entrée, appetizer, or dessert to share!

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### ***Last Month's News***

Last month's tasting was at our house, and Dorothy and I would like to thank all of you who attended as well as Fran Kysela for serving as our guest wine host. Fran brought

some really outstanding French country wines and his enormous storehouse of experience and knowledge about wines and the wine industry.

The voting results from the September tasting are shown below:

| <b>Wine</b>   | <b>Retail Cost</b> | <b>Number of Votes</b> |
|---|--------------------|------------------------|
| <u>Opener</u> : Champagne Trouillard, NV Brut             | \$39.99            | 4                      |
| Domaine de Salette Cotes de Gascogne Blanc 2018           | \$9.99             | 11 (favorite white)    |
| Domaine du Gaec des Brangers Menetou-Salon Blanc 2018     | \$26.00            | 8                      |
| Domaine de la Mordoree La Dame Rousse Tavel Rose 2018     | \$34.99            | 2                      |
| Domaine de la Mordoree La Dame Rousse Cotes du Rhone 2018 | \$18.99            | 3                      |
| Alain Jaume La Butte d'Or Crozes-Hermitage Rouge 2017     | \$31.99            | 6                      |
| Alain Jaume Grande Garrigue Vacqueyras Rouge 2016         | \$28.99            | 12 (favorite red)      |
| Domaine de la Beliere Bugey-Cerdon NV Sparkling           | \$23.99            | 0                      |

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### ***Miscellaneous***

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**Food Request:** I was asked to comment on the fact that we have been running a bit low on entrée items in some of our recent tastings. I'd rather not try to orchestrate this too closely, but if you like to cook, please consider bringing an entrée to help boost our food choices and ensure that we have enough food for everyone.

## **2019 Tasting Schedule**

| <b>Month</b>                   | <b>House Host</b>          | <b>Wine Host</b>                               | <b>Theme</b>  |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--|---|
| January<br>1/20/19             | Jerry & Dorothy<br>Hampton | Janine Wilson                                  | Reliable Reds   |
| February<br>2/24/19            | George & Jackie Grillon    | Robert Horrocks                                | A Journey through Merlot: France, California, South America             |
| March<br>3/17/19               | Eileen Sien                | Michael Sien                                   | Hidden Gem Varietals<br>Annual Meeting beforehand                       |
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| May<br>5/19/19                 | Frank & Dolores<br>Batavik | Nan Slick                                      | More Burgundy – Less Bucks: Burgundy From the Other Side of the Tracks! |
| June<br>6/16                   | Ron & Linda Riley          | Pat Valas                                      | National Tasting: Terroir Study of Napa Valley                          |
| July<br>7/21/19                | George & Jackie Grillon    | N/A  | Picnic  |
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November - 2019

**To:** Members of the CARROLL COUNTY MD CHAPTER/AMERICAN WINE SOCIETY

**From:** Jerry Hampton, Chapter Chair

As we begin the final two months of 2019, the pace of our chapter activities will begin ratcheting up with our November tasting this month followed only three weeks later with our end-of-the-year champagne extravaganza, and our annual scholarship fund drive. Phew, I'm getting winded just thinking about it all! I'll have more to say about the scholarship drive later in the newsletter.

So, let's start with our November tasting, which will be led by our very own inimitable **Nan Slick**. As most of you know, Nan had been leading us for several years through a series of tastings based on grape names that start with the letters of the alphabet, starting with "A" and getting through "U" last November. In this tasting, Nan will wrap up the alphabet with a mix of whites, reds, and rosés based on grapes starting with the letters "V" through "Z" in a tasting she entitles with bittersweet fondness, **The ABCs Theme – The Final Episode!** Nan has done an outstanding job introducing us to some lesser known varietals in her alphabet series of tastings, so I know you will find this tasting fun and educational.

The November tasting will be **November 17 at 2:00 PM** at the home of **Bill and Michele Sadler**. Please RSVP to Bill and Michele by November 13<sup>th</sup>.

As always: *Please don't forget to bring an entrée, appetizer, or dessert to share!*

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### ***Last Month's News***

I'd like to offer many "Thank You's" to Robert and Kelly Horrocks for opening their home once again this year as our house hosts, and to Tracy Koch and Meggan Robinson for serving as our wine hosts. I know everyone would agree with me that Tracy and Meggan really "knocked it out of the park" with this tasting, which featured wines from women winemakers. The wines were fabulous, and Tracy and Meggan obviously spent a huge amount of time doing research for this tasting.

The voting results from the tasting are shown below:

| <b>Wine</b>  | <b>Retail Price (\$)</b> | <b>Number of Votes</b> |
|--|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Warm Up<br>Stoller Family Oregon Pinot Gris                | \$8.99 per can           | 0                      |
| Pahlmeyer Chardonnay 2017                                  | \$95.99                  | 11<br>(Winner!)        |
| Herdade Do Rocim<br>Vinho Alentejano Alicante Bouchet 2016 | \$27.99                  | 1                      |
| La Sirena Grenache 2015                                    | \$59.99                  | 3                      |
| Rockwall Wine Company<br>"The Palindrome" Tannat 2015      | \$24.99                  | 6                      |
| Cornerstone Cellars<br>Benchlands Cabernet Sauvignon 2014  | \$39.99                  | 5                      |
| Faust "The Pact" Cabernet Sauvignon 2015                   | \$99.99                  | 5                      |

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## **2019 Tasting Schedule**

| <b>Month</b>                   | <b>House Host</b>       | <b>Wine Host</b>                         | <b>Theme</b>   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|
| January<br>1/20/19             | Jerry & Dorothy Hampton | Janine Wilson                            | Reliable Reds  |
| February<br>2/24/19            | George & Jackie Grillon | Robert Horrocks                          | A Journey through Merlot: France, California, South America              |
| March<br>3/17/19               | Eileen Sien             | Michael Sien                             | Hidden Gem Varietals<br>Annual Meeting beforehand                        |
| April<br>4/14/19 or<br>4/28/19 | John & Ann Carr         | John Carr                                | Big A-- Reds   |
| May<br>5/19/19                 | Frank & Dolores Batavik | Nan Slick                                | More Burgundy – Less Bucks: Burgundy From the Other Side of the Tracks!  |
| June 6/16                      | Ron & Linda Riley       | Pat Valas                                | National Tasting: Terroir Study of Napa Valley                           |
| July<br>7/21/19                | George & Jackie Grillon | N/A                                      | Picnic   |
| August<br>8/18/19              | Simone Haslauer         | Leroy Stewart & Simone Haslauer          | Summertime an' the livin' is easy with the last of the summer wine: rosé |
| September<br>9/15/19           | Jerry & Dorothy Hampton | Fran Kysela of Kysela Pere et Fils, Ltd. | Country French Wines   |
| October<br>10/20/19            | Robert & Kelly Horrocks | Tracy Koch and Meggan Robinson           | A Mystery Tasting (BOO!)   |
| November<br>11/17/19           | Bill & Michele Sadler   | Nan Slick                                | The ABCs theme – The final episode                                       |
| December<br>12/8/19            | Corynne Courpas         | John Landon                              | Champagne Soiree   |

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AMERICAN WINE SOCIETY  
YEARS OF WINE DISCOVERY

December - 2019

**To:** Members of the CARROLL COUNTY MD CHAPTER/AMERICAN WINE SOCIETY

**From:** Jerry Hampton, Chapter Chair

This month, we have our annual December champagne tasting, which has been our chapter's tradition for many years. And, once again, we are privileged to have John Landon serving as our ebullient tasting guide through the wild and wonderful world of bubbies.

Our champagne extravaganza will be at **2 PM this Sunday December 8** at the lovely home of Corynne Courpas. Please **RSVP to Corynne** via email (preferred) or by phone (Or the link at [CCAWS.net](#)). Please note that because of the calendar this year, there is only one week between now and the tasting, so don't delay in RSVPing.

In addition to the champagne, we will be having our annual drawings for those beautiful AWSEF Wine Baskets put together by Kelly Horrocks and Tracey Koch. If you have not already done so, you can still donate to the AWSEF this Sunday by writing a check (see details below).

*As always: Please don't forget to bring an entrée, appetizer, or dessert to share! – and for new members or those attending this event for the first time, many tend to dress up a bit more in the spirit of the season.*

Note: The cost per person for the champagne tasting will exceed \$30.

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### ***Last Month's News***

I'd like to once again thank Bill and Michelle Sadler for opening their home to our group for the November tasting and to Nan for leading us through the end of the alphabet with some really interesting and delicious wines that were creatively chosen based on grapes with names beginning with the letters "U" through "Z".

The voting results are shown below. Note that the warm up was the overall favorite, something that doesn't often happen!

| <b>Wine</b>   | <b>Retail Price (\$)</b> | <b>Number of Votes</b> |
|---|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Warm Up<br>La Salette 2018<br>Cotes de Gascogne, France<br>Colombard 80%, Gros Manseng 10%, UGNI<br>BLANC 10% | \$10.99                  | 8 (WINNER)             |
| Neumeister<br>Gemischer Satz (mixed set) 2017 Austria<br>WELSCHRIESLING, WEISSBURGUNDER                       | \$18.99                  | 0                      |
| Casalfarneto "Fontevicchia" 2016<br>Marche, Italy<br>VERDICCHIO 100%  | \$16.99                  | 6                      |
| Ferriol 2014<br>Penedes, Spain<br>XAREL-LO 100%   | \$15.99                  | 3                      |
| Hugl Weine<br>Zweigelt Rose 2018<br>Niederosterreich, Austria<br>ZWEIGELT 100%                                | \$10.99                  | 4                      |
| J. Lohr "Wildflower" 2018<br>VALDIGUIE 100%<br>Arroyo Seco Monterey   | \$10.99                  | 0                      |
| Kir-Yianni "Ramnista" 2013<br>Naoussa, Greece<br>XINOMAVRO 100%   | \$27.99                  | 7                      |

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Below is our emerging tasting schedule for 2020. The main thing I want to point out are the red question marks, which indicate known holes in our schedule where we either need wine hosts (April and August) or a house host in February. Please let me know if you are willing to help fill these needs.

| <b>Month</b>        | <b>House Host</b>          | <b>Wine Host</b> | <b>Theme</b>  |
|---------------------|----------------------------|------------------|---|
| January<br>1/19/20  | Jerry & Dorothy<br>Hampton | Janine Wilson    | Rioja wines   |
| February<br>2/16/20 | <b>?</b>                   | Robert Horrocks  | TBD   |
| March<br>3/19/20    | Eileen Sien                | Michael Sien     | TBD   |
| April<br>4/19/20    | Simone Haslauer            | <b>?</b>         | TBD   |
| May<br>5/17/20      | Frank & Dolores<br>Batavik | Nan Slick        | TBD   |
| June<br>6/1621/20   | Ron & Linda Riley          | Pat Valas        | National Tasting: <b>Expanding &amp; Exciting! Washington State AVAs, featuring Ste. Michelle Wine Estates Washington Portfolio</b> |
| July<br>7/19/20     | George & Jackie<br>Grillon | N/A              | Picnic  |

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|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--|------------------|
| August<br>8/16/20    | Mark & Donna<br>Dougherty         | ?  | TBD              |
| September<br>9/20/20 | Joe & Lynn<br>Breeding            | Simone Haslauer<br>&<br>Leroy Stewart      | TBD              |
| October<br>10/18/20  | Robert & Kelly<br>Horrocks        | Tracy Koch and<br>Meggan Robinson<br>(TBD) | TBD              |
| November<br>11/22/20 | Bill & Michele<br>Sadler<br>(TBD) | Nan Slick (TBD)                            | TBD              |
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