



AMERICAN WINE SOCIETY
YEARS OF WINE DISCOVERY

January/ February 2022

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

From: Corynne Courpas, Chapter Chair

Hi All,

I trust you all had a Happy and Safe New Year with lots of “bubbles”! Alas, 2022 does not bring the freedom I had hoped for. I’m sending this newsletter to let you know that we will be taking January off. BUT, there is good news for February. Dean Wilson will be wine hosting and his theme is **ITALY!** Dean promises some fun challenges as we explore the wine regions of this amazing wine producing country. (As an aside, if you have not yet watched Stanley Tucci’s “Searching for Italy”, I highly recommend!)

Our current plan is to make this a hybrid meeting. I will be sending a simple email in early February, to request RSVP’s for both formats. I am looking forward to house hosting, a very welcome distraction from my failed travel plans. 😞

February 20, 2022 at 2:00 pm

As always, please bring a dish to share if you are attending in person.

[Please RSVP/contact via [website](#)]

BASKET RAFFLE FOR AWSEF Huge THANKS to Becky Wilson and Kelly Horrocks for each assembling a basket to raffle at the CHAMPAGNE tasting. The big winners were the Desais and the Grillons.

AWSEF Treasurer (and our Chapter member) Walt Rachele reports that we added \$1105.00 to our Scholarship account. Thanks to your generosity we now have \$4,605.00 and will award a scholarship in memory of Max and Ann White. Not only that, but as Walt points out, we are “now on our way to another scholarship”!

2022 Upon Reflection...

I reported in early December that “Things are looking up, I think”.... That may I have been premature, but I do think we are getting there. I have sketched in our confirmed hosts on the calendar below and I know we’ll have some additional volunteers! We need wine and house hosts, but I do have two or three willing house hosts as the weather warms. Please, if you are willing to wine host, let me know. As you mark your calendars, please note that **three tastings** will now be on the **second Sunday** of the month to work around holiday schedules.

LAST MONTH’S NEWS



It almost seemed normal!

Thanks to Eileen and Simone for great selections and a great presentation. A trivia challenge rewarded the Desais with a bottle of bubbly to take home. Twenty-six of us gathered and enjoyed each other’s company. As usual, the many talented Chefs among us, did an outstanding job with the food offerings 🍷. And now for the results! Thanks to our Secretary for Life, Nan, for recording.

Warm Up

Dr. Heidemanns Reisling Brut Sekt	\$22.00	2 votes
Louis Bouillot Perle De Vigne Brut	19.99	3 votes
Pierre Peters “Cuvee de Reserve” Brut Blanc de Blanc	67.99	0 votes

Laurent-Perrier LaCuvee Brut	43.99	2 votes
Piper Heidsieck Brut	49.99	2 votes
De Margerie Grand Cru Brut Rose	49.99	5 votes
WINNER		
Laurent-Perrier Cuvee Rose	83.99	4 votes

Chapter and AWS Dues

Please plan to pay your national AWS and chapter dues for 2022. I receive an updated roster for the National. If you have any questions about your current status, please reach out. Chapter dues are only \$10 per household, payable to CCAWS. You can pay John Landon in person at a tasting or mail it to him at [the address found on the [Membership Brochure at ccaws.net](#)].

National AWS dues are as follows:

For one person - \$49 (for 1 year); \$124 (for 3 years)

For two people at same address - \$62 (for 1 year); \$158 (for 3 years).

To pay national AWS dues online, go to <http://americanwinesociety.org/join-now/> to join or renew your membership.

Please keep in mind AWS requires that everyone who participates in AWS activities, which includes local chapter tastings, must be AWS members. Non-members and guests can only attend two times per year.

Member Wine Discount The following establishments offer discounts to AWS members –

- College Square Liquors, Westminster
 - Cranberry Liquors, Westminster
 - Main Street Liquors, Hampstead
 - Total Discount Liquors, Eldersburg
 - Total Wine
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2022 Tasting Schedule

Month	House/ ZOOM Host	Wine Host	Theme
January 1/16/2022	Month off		No OMICRON
February 2/20/2022	Courpas/ HYBRID	Dean Wilson	Regions of Italy
March 3/20/2022	Sien	Sien	Business meeting at 1:00
April 4/17/2022			
May 5/15/2022	??	Slick	
June 6/12/2022 2ndSUNDAY	Riley	National Tasting Project	
July 7/17/2022	Grillon	BYOB	PICNIC
August 8/21/2022			
September 9/18/2022			
October 10/16/2022			
November 11/13/2022 2nd SUNDAY	Sadler	Sadler	
December 12/11/2022 2nd SUNDAY	Corynne Courpas		Champagne Soiree