



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 and 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 and ccaws.net/mobile]

Chapter and AWS Dues

If you haven't already, please pay your national AWS and chapter dues for 2023. If you have any questions about your current status, please reach out to me. 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
 - Jeannie Bird Baking Company, Westminster
 - Main Street Liquors, Hampstead
 - Total Discount Liquors, Eldersburg
 - Total Wine
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2023 Tasting Schedule

As you can see, the schedule is rather thin for 2023. If you are interested in serving as a house or wine host, please reach out to me at [the **Chairperson** link on ccaws.net and ccaws.net/mobile] and we can set that up! **We especially need someone to house host for February.**

Month	House Host	Wine Host	Theme
January 1/22/2023 4th SUNDAY	Sadler	Pankaj (Doc) Desai	Douro Valley, Portugal
February 2/19/2023			
March 3/19/2023			
April 4/16/2023			
May 5/21/2023	Dorothy & Jerry Hampton	Dorothy & Jerry Hampton	TBD
June 6/11/2023	Linda & Ron Riley	Patricia Valas	National Tasting Project
July 7/9/2023 2nd SUNDAY	Jackie & George Grillon	BYOB	Picnic
August 8/20/2023			
September 9/17/2023	Dan Reppe		
October 10/15/2023			
November 11/12/2023 2nd SUNDAY			
December 12/10/2023 2nd SUNDAY	Corynne Courpas		Champagne Soiree