



## February 2023

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

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

## February 2023 Tasting Information

No tasting for February.

### 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.**

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### *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](http://ccaws.net) and [ccaws.net/mobile](http://ccaws.net/mobile)] and we can set that up! **We especially need someone to house host for February.**

<b>Month</b>	<b>House Host</b>	<b>Wine Host</b>	<b>Theme</b>
January 1/22/2023 <b>4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY</b>	Sadler	Pankaj (Doc) Desai	Douro Valley, Portugal
March 3/19/2023	???	???	???
April 4/16/2023	Dori & Frank Batavick	TBD	TBD
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 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY</b>	Jackie & George Grillon	BYOB	Picnic
August 8/20/2023			
September 9/17/2023	Dan Reppe		
October 10/15/2023			
November 11/12/2023 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY</b>			
December 12/10/2023 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY</b>	Corynne Courpas		Champagne Soiree