



April 2023

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

From: Bill Sadler, Chapter Chair

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)

RSVP by April 14, 2023 to Jerry 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 (don't forget to show your card):

- College Square Liquors, Westminster
 - Cranberry Liquors, Westminster
 - Jeannie Bird Baking Company, Westminster
 - Main Street Liquors, Hampstead
 - Total Discount Liquors, Eldersburg
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2023 Tasting Schedule

As you can see, the schedule thins out starting with August 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!

Month	House Host	Wine Host	Theme
January 1/22/2023 4th SUNDAY	Sadler	Pankaj (Doc) Desai	Douro Valley, Portugal
March 3/19/2023	Eileen Sein	Rick Davis	Calstar Cellars
April 4/16/2023	Dorothy & Jerry Hampton	Bernie Vogel	TBD
May 5/21/2023	Dori & Frank Batavick	Nancy Slick	Italian Whites
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	Kelly & Robert Horrocks		
November 11/12/2023 2nd SUNDAY			
December 12/10/2023 2nd SUNDAY	Corynne Courpas		Champagne Soiree