



## November 2023 Newsletter

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

It is freezing outside! Yes, we are under a freeze warning for tonight. Well if you haven't figured it out by now, living in Maryland means that you need to adjust to the ever changing weather. If you don't like it, wait about twenty minutes and it will change! We're looking forward to welcoming a new presenter this month with Christian Orr from House of Liquors presenting what looks like an excellent line up. Look below for details.

## AWSEF Fundraising

We are collecting money and wine for our annual American Wine Society Education Fund (AWSEF) fundraiser to support the scholarship fund that our chapter sponsors on a regular basis. To that end, Kelly Horrocks and Tracy Koch are working to put together wine baskets for our annual raffle at the December tasting. If you'd like to participate, please ensure that you provide wine totaling \$15 or more along with a check payable to the AWSEF of at least \$25. You can drop off wine at the November tasting or send a check for \$15 or more to Kelly [use the **Chairperson** link on [ccaws.net](http://ccaws.net) and [ccaws.net/mobile](http://ccaws.net/mobile)] by November 15<sup>th</sup> and Kelly will purchase the wine for you. Becky and Dean Wilson will also be donating an UBER basket for raffle to support the cause as well. THANK-YOU to all who support this wonderful effort.

Our most recent scholarship recipient is Meredith Persico, a Ph.D. Candidate at The Pennsylvania State University awarded in Honor of Richard Blosveren and in Memory of Carmen Blosveren. Meredith's research is focused on grapevine cold acclimation and spring frost avoidance. Prior to beginning her graduate studies, she earned her B.S. in Viticulture & Enology from Cornell University.

## October 2023 Recap

Our house hosts, Kelly & Robert Horrocks provided an excellent venue to toast and remember two long time members who recently passed away, Mike Bareford and John Carr. Members of their families were on hand to join us in remembering them through spoken remembrances and video retrospectives. We will miss you, John & Mike.

Our wine hosts for the formal tasting were Tracy Koch & Susan McGreevy and they served up a wonderful slate of "green" wines. (Conjures visions of St. Patrick's day!)

Here are the tasting wines:

Warm-up: Schplink Gruner Veltliner	\$8	5 votes
Williamette Valley Tualitin Estate White Pinot Noir 2021	\$50	10 votes
Honig Sauvignon Blanc 2021	\$22	11 votes (winner, white)
Artesa Estate Pinot Noir 2018	\$49	19 votes (winner, red)
Tablas Creek Vineyard The Overchiever Grenache 2020	\$24	5 votes
Cline Contra Costa Ancient Vines Zinfandel 2020	\$15	4 votes

## November 2023 Tasting Information

Our gathering for the month of November, 2023 will be held at the Westminster home of **Dale and Dottie Piper**. Our wine host will be **Christian Orr** from *House of Liquors* and the theme is Northern Italian Reds

Please know that this tasting will cost between \$25 and \$30 we will have limited space so RSVP as soon as you are able.

**November 12, 2023 @ 2pm**

**[the location buttons on [ccaws.net/mobile](http://ccaws.net/mobile)]**

**RSVP by November 10, 2023 to Dale at [the RSVP links at [ccaws.net](http://ccaws.net) and [ccaws.net/mobile](http://ccaws.net/mobile)]**

**Please park on the street leading to the cul-de-sac and take the steps to the house.**

## 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 (don't forget to show your card):

- College Square Liquors, Westminster
  - Cranberry Liquors, Westminster
  - Jeannie Bird Baking Company, Westminster
  - Main Street Liquors, Hampstead
  - The Wine Post, Glyndon
  - 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](http://ccaws.net) and [ccaws.net/mobile](http://ccaws.net/mobile)*] and we can set that up!

Month	House Host	Wine Host	Theme
January 1/22/2023 <b>4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY</b>	Sadler	Pankaj (Doc) Desai	Douro Valley, Portugal
March 3/19/2023	Eileen Sien	Rick Davis	Calstar Cellars
April 4/16/2023	Dorothy & Jerry Hampton	Bernie Vogel	Old World vs New World: Faceoff with off the Beaten Path Reds
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 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY</b>	Jackie & George Grillon	BYOB	Picnic
August 8/20/2023	Steve and Theresa Prevosto	<b>CANCELLED</b>	<b>CANCELLED</b>
September 9/17/2023	Dan Reppe	Becky & Dean Wilson	Can you taste the money? A blind tasting.
October 10/15/2023	Horrocks, Kelly & Robert	Tracy Koch & Susan McGreevy	Red, White, and GREEN???
November 11/12/2023 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY</b>	Dale & Dottie Piper	Christian Orr	Northern Italian Reds