



April 2024 Newsletter

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

When I started to craft this newsletter a few days ago, we were enduring one rainy day after another, but now we're starting to see some sun and warmer weather, even though we might have clouds for tomorrow's eclipse. Maryland always gives us a changing weather landscape, which reminds me that variety is the spice of life.

Once again, we welcomed some guests at our tasting last month, and once again we gained new members as a result. Welcome to Brian and Marty Sweeny as well as Lauren Hall and Nick Schyler. Brian and Marty came to us by way of the Hamptons and Lauren and Nick came to us by friends of the Chapter who are not members. As you see them at upcoming events, please give them a warm welcome!

Looking forward to May, know that our annual business meeting will be held on May 26th at the home of Theresa & Steve Prevosto. I will send an email with the agenda to the chapter members later this week.

March Recap

Our last tasting was on St. Patrick's Day at the home of Eileen Sien with Dorothy Hampton serving as the wine host presenting a slate of new varietals for a warming planet. We learned how climate change is impacting the wine industry around the world while looking at specific examples from Portugal, Italy and France. There were also discussions about a changing climate impacting Great Britain, the United States and South America as well. Thank you, Eileen and Dorothy, for a lovely afternoon!

Here are the tasting wines:

Warm-up: Vinho Artesania Alvarinho 2022	\$15	11 votes (winner)
Donnachiara Fiano di Avellino 2022	\$20	7 votes
Rubrato Feudi di San Gregorio Algianico 2019	\$18.40	2 votes
Churchill Estates Grafite Tinto Douro 2019	\$16	2 votes
Wuiinta das Carvalhas Touriga Nacional 2017	\$22	3 votes
La Remise de la Mordoree 2022	\$20	6 votes (winner)
Hommage Denis Dubourdieu Petit Verdot 201	\$45	4 votes

April Preview

For the second time this year, we have new members stepping up to serve as house hosts. This is a great testament to the vitality of our chapter.

To that end, our next tasting will be on Sunday, April 21, 2024 at the Lutherville home of **Brian & Marty Sweeney** with **Michele and Bill Sadler** serving as the wine hosts. The theme for the tasting is *The Label Made Me Buy It!* We'll be exploring what's on the outside of a wine bottle as well as the contents of the bottle itself. Michele and I have had some fun over the past few weeks sourcing these wines, so you'll also get to hear about some of the juice that didn't make the cut, even if the label did!

Space is limited at this tasting so be sure to RSVP as soon as you are able.

April 21, 2024 @ 2:00 pm

[the location buttons on ccaws.net/mobile]

RSVP by April 19, 2024 to Marty at: [the RSVP links at ccaws.net and ccaws.net/mobile]

Chapter and AWS Dues

Chapter dues are only \$10 per household, payable to CCAWS. You can pay John Landon in person at the 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
 - The Wine Post, Glyndon
 - Total Discount Liquors, Eldersburg
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2024 Tasting Schedule

We are still in need of a house host for August. 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 1/21/2024	Tammy Mangon	Sadler/Slick	There's no place like home
February 2/18/2024	CANCELLED		
March 3/17/2024	Eileen Sien	Dorothy Hampton	New Varietals for a Warming Planet
April 4/21/2024	Brian and Marty Sweeney	Michele & Bill Sadler	The Label Made Me Buy It
May 5/26/2024	Steve and Theresa Prevosto	Nancy Slick	From Russia With Love
June 6/23/2024	Riley or Sadler House	Pat Valas	National Tasting Project
July 7/21/2024	George and Jackie Grillon	BYOB	Picnic
August 8/18/2024			
September 9/15/2024	Dan Reppe		
October 10/20/2024	Kelly & Robert Horrocks	Tracy Koch	
November 11/17/2024	Eileen Sien	Becky Wilison	
December 12/15/2024	Corynne Courpas	TBD	Sparkling Wine Gala