



May 2024 Newsletter

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

As we welcome May flowers born of the April showers, we continue to find ourselves on a weather rollercoaster! Add the pollen allergies to the mix and it makes for an interesting walk through a week!

I hope everyone is well and as we look forward to the rest of the month; know that we will have our annual business meeting this month on May 26th at the home of Theresa & Steve Prevosto. See below for the agenda.

April Recap

Our April tasting was at the Lutherville home of new members **Brian & Marty Sweeney** with **Michele and Bill Sadler** serving as the wine hosts. The theme for the tasting was *The Label Made Me Buy It!* We explored what's on the outside of a wine bottle as well as the contents of the bottle itself. Everyone seemed to have a good time and a few people have sent me emails thanking us for the exposure to some of these wines that are now lining their cellars! We also added an additional voting category for folk's favorite label.

Here are the tasting wines:

Wine	Per 750 mL Bottle Cost	Wine Votes	Label Vote
Warm-up: La Petite Frog Picpoul de Pinet, 2023 (3 L)	\$6.25	1 Vote	1 Vote
Opici, Vino Blanco NV	\$10	1 votes	1 Vote
Revelation by Goose Gap, Rose 2022	\$19	9 votes (winner)	1 Vote
Chateau La Fayette Reneau, Roaring Red, NV	\$8.45	2 votes	7 Votes (winner)
Predator Old Vine Zinfandel, 2021	\$12	4 votes (tie)	1 Vote
Z. Alexander Brown Proprietary Red Blend, 2020	\$17	4 votes (tie)	1 Vote
The Fableist Merlot, 2021	\$25	2 votes	1 Vote

Business Meeting Preview

At this point, the agenda for the business meeting is as follows:

1. Treasurer and Membership Reports
2. Discussion about low turn out
3. Proposal to add a position for Vice-Chair/Chair Elect
4. Election of Officers (no one has stepped forward to throw their hat in the ring yet for Chair)

May Preview

This month our tasting will be on the 4th Sunday, May 26, 2024 at the Hampstead home of Steve and Theresa Prevosto. Our wine host extraordinaire will be Nancy Slick with the theme for the tasting being “Rosé All Day.” For parking, you should pull into the driveway and park behind the shed.

Please RSVP to Theresa:

May 26, 2024 @ 1:30 pm (business mtg.) 2:00 pm tasting
The Prevosto House

[the location buttons on ccaws.net/mobile]

RSVP by May 25, 2024 to Theresa 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](https://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	Rose All Day
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