



June 2024 Newsletter

To: Members and friends of the Carroll County, MD Chapter of the American Wine Society
From: Dean Wilson, Webmaster and Becky Wilson, former Chair.

Greetings all! This is the first newsletter I've had a hand in for some time. If you're a newer member you may not know what I'm talking about. But we're glad to be back, and happy to pitch in.

Speaking of pitch, my condolences to sports fans. They're only birds, right? But apparently everyone else is doing worse. There, that takes care of the obligatory sports chat, a tradition we will support sufficiently.

And a tear-soaked farewell to our old logo, seen dipping beyond the horizon (upper left, above). It has served us well, but has been officially replaced by the snazzy bichromatic version (upper right).

But back to *wine!* Let's raise a glass to our Chairperson Bill Sadler! A real trouper! He's still around, I'm told, and still holding the reins from a remote farmhouse. Becky and I are merely the chief editor and publisher of the newsletter. Bill will remain in control and in touch with house hosts and wine hosts for meeting arrangements. Keep sending him any meeting information. Bill and Nan will inform us with copy for the newsletter.

June Recap

Our June meeting centered upon the National Tasting Project, hosted splendidly by Pat Valas. Many thanks to the work Pat did in researching, procuring and presenting some fabulous wines at Ron and Linda Riley's lovely home. The subject was "Cool Climate California Wines".

We started off enjoying the warmups (cooldowns?):

Seaglass Chardonnay and Rose \$9.99

Here are the formally judged wines:

Wine	Retail Price	Wine Votes
St. Francis Chardonnay 2021	\$14.39	1 vote
St. Francis Chardonnay 2022	\$12.99	3 votes
Frei Brothers Chardonnay 2021	\$14.97	5 votes
Patz & Hall Pinot Noir 2018	\$47.69	11 votes Winner PN
Rodney Strong Pinot Noir 2021	\$17.99	2 votes
Frank Family Pinot Noir 2021	\$47.95	3 votes
Mer Soliel Chardonnay 2022	\$20.99	13 votes Winner Chard
Carmel Road Pinot Noir 2021	\$12.49	4 votes

The wines were all formally scored by members attending, and the sheets were collected so all results could be analyzed with all AWS members on a national scale. These results will be presented later this year. And be sure to check out the group photo shoot video from my drone on our groups Facebook page (see below)

July Preview

This month the Grillons will host our family-style PICNIC at their lovely vineyard estate on Sunday, July 21, casually beginning at 2p.m. Bring kids, bathing suits and towels, as the pool will be open! Also likely are golf clubs whacking and the clanking of horseshoes! It's Bring Your Own Bottle(s) and a dish to share, but there will also be burgers & hot dogs on the grill and the usual summer picnic fixings. The venue is mostly outdoors, so consider coolers, chairs, blankets hats and shade, and of course, sunblock!

Please RSVP to Jacquie Grillon: [the RSVP links at ccaws.net and ccaws.net/mobile]

July 21st

George & Jacquie Grillon

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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

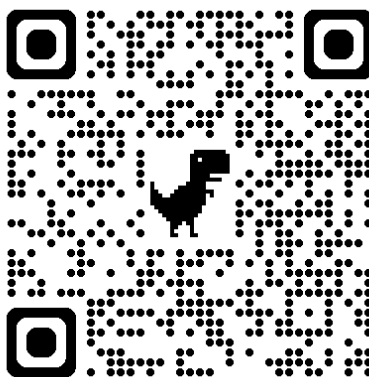
The following establishments offer discounts to AWS members (don't forget to show your card):

- 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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Our Facebook page: [Carroll County Chapter of the American Wine Society](#)

Our Website: CCAWS.net and CCAWS.net/mobile

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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	Naney Slick	Rose All Day
June 6/23/2024	Linda and Ron Riley	Pat Valas	National Tasting Project
July 7/21/2024	George and Jackie Grillon	BYOB	Picnic
August 8/18/2024		TBD	
September 9/15/2024	Dan Reppe	Anna & Lee Stewart	Hecho en Mexico
October 10/20/2024	Kelly & Robert Horrocks	Tracy Koch	
November 11/17/2024	Eileen Sien	Becky Wilison	Sherry
December 12/15/2024	Corynne Courpas	TBD	Sparkling Wine Gala

