



## December 2024 Newsletter

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

Hello everyone! This month's meeting is a bit early, so the newsletter is too.

## November Recap

I hope those of you that attended the sherry tasting came away from it having learned some things. I know I did. I'm not sure I can remember a tasting where there were so many people fully engaged and asking so many questions. I'm glad Dean had most of the answers. It was a bit of a surprise to me that while Dean and I are in love with the dryer styles, most of you were attracted to the sweeter one at the end. If you missed it, or are interested in seeing Dean's presentation, it will be available on the website soon!

Thank you, Dean, for taking over my tasting when I found I had too many things on my plate leading into the holiday season.

Speaking of the Holiday Season, are you all ready for some champagne? I hope you are, because I know Eileen will do a wonderful job of putting a line up together.

Wine	Retail Price	Wine Votes
Marqués de Cacerás Verdejo 2022 (White)	\$9.50	Not voted
Don Zoilo Manzanilla	\$29	1
Don Zoilo Oloroso 12 year	\$28	0
Don Zoilo Oloroso 15 year	\$30	4 TIES WINNER
Don Zoilo Amontillado Dry 12 year	\$26	2
Don Zoilo Amontillado En Rama 15 year	\$30	0
Don Zoilo Pedro Ximénez	\$30	4 TIES WINNER
Parcelica Grande 2021 (Red)	\$13	Not voted

Thanks to Eileen Sien, Becky (and Yours Truly,) Dean Wilson!

*If you missed the tasting but would like to see the presentation content, visit the website or click here:*  
[https://www.ccaws.net/index\\_htm\\_files/Sherry\\_2024\\_06\\_web.pdf](https://www.ccaws.net/index_htm_files/Sherry_2024_06_web.pdf)

## December Preview

**Eileen Sien** will be presenting a tasting on **Dec 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.**

This tasting is:

### *Sparkling Wine Gala*

Our Sparkling Wine Gala will be held at the Westminster home of Corynne Courpas.

Please know that this tasting typically costs about \$50.

Please bring a dish for the table. The food at the champagne tasting is always as much fun as the tasting itself.

**Please RSVP** via the website, [ccaws.net](http://ccaws.net) and [ccaws.net/mobile](http://ccaws.net/mobile) or to Corynne via email directly at: [the RSVP links at [ccaws.net](http://ccaws.net) and [ccaws.net/mobile](http://ccaws.net/mobile)].

Also, remember to please bring a food dish for the shared table.

### **There Will Be Baskets!**

Tracy Koch and Kelly Horrocks have been coordinating raffle donation entries for the AWS Education Fund Basket Raffle! Several baskets will be raffled off at the Champagne Gala.

Even if you didn't enter the raffle, you can still bid on **TWO SILENT AUCTION BASKETS!**

One basket is from Dean and Becky Wilson, with a Spanish theme.

A second is from Pat Valas and Walter Rachele, with a Portuguese theme.

Each of these will go to the highest bidder, so please bring your checkbooks!



## 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 ccaaws.net](#)].

National AWS dues are as follows:

For one person - \$59 (for 1 year); \$159 (for 3 years)

For two people at same address - \$82 (for 1 year); \$239 (for 3 years).

Other options are available, too.

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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## Find Us!

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

Our website: [CCAWS.net](http://CCAWS.net) and [CCAWS.net/mobile](http://CCAWS.net/mobile)



Scan this QR code with your smartphone camera to get to the mobile site:  
Bookmark it to save it for easy access!

## Call for HOSTS!

2025 is Coming! We need hosts desperately! Please contact **Bill Sadler** at [the **Chairperson** link on [ccaws.net](http://ccaws.net) and [ccaws.net/mobile](http://ccaws.net/mobile)] to volunteer to House host or Wine host in the coming months. See the proposed 2025 schedule below. If a Sunday doesn't work for you, let Bill know, and some

## Tasting Schedule

We are always looking for future events. If you are interested in serving as a house or wine host, please reach out to Bill 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
December 12/15/2024	Corynne Courpas	TBD	Sparkling Wine Gala
		<b>2025</b>	
January 1/19/2025	?	?	?
February 2/16/2025	?	Nan Slick and Guest Speaker: Russ Lorber	?
March 3/16/2025	?	?	?
April 4/20/2025	?	?	?
May 5/18/2025	?	?	?
June 6/15/2025	?	?	?
July 7/20/2025	?	?	?
August 8/17/2025	?	?	?
September 9/21/2025	Dan Reppe	?	?
October 10/19/2025	?	?	?
November 11/16/2025	?	?	?
December 12/21/2025	Corynne Courpas ?	?	Sparkling Wine Gala