



January 2024 Newsletter

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

As I sit writing this, the snow is falling, the temperatures are below 30 and the newscasters are telling us that the weather forecast isn't so dire that we need to horde toilet paper! One thing we can say about living in the land of pleasant living is that weather will never cease to provide us with a topic of conversation!

This month we get to welcome a new member to our chapter, Tammy Mangon. Corynne Courpas introduced many of us to Tammy at the December tasting but she is not a stranger to all of us as she is also friends with Robert and Kelly Horrocks. If you didn't have an opportunity to meet her at the December tasting, you'll get another opportunity on January 21st since she has graciously volunteered to host this month's tasting at her home in Westminster. Welcome, Tammy!

December 2023 Recap

Our house host, **Corynne Courpas**, provided a lovely locale for our annual sparkling wine celebration brought to us by wine host **Eileen Sien**. As you'll see from the votes below, it was a difficult decision trying to determine a winner as all the wines were quite lovely. Thank you, Corynne and Eileen for a great time!

Here are the tasting wines:

Warm-up: Jacqueline Leonne Brut	\$18	2 votes
Montaudon Extra Dry	\$45	2 votes
Heidsieck Monopole Blue Brut	\$42	zero votes
Moet & Chandon Imperial Brut	\$53	3 votes
Cattier Premier Cru Brut	\$60	2 votes
Billecart Salmon Vintage Extra Brut 2009	\$100	7 votes (winner)
Virginie T Brut Nature Millesime 2009	\$90	6 votes

While the final numbers are not available to me at this point, we also were able to raise money this month for the American Wine Society Education Fund through the basket raffles put together by **Kelly Horrocks and Tracey Koch** as well as silent auction baskets provided by **Dean and Becky Willson** and by **Pat Valas and Walt Rachele**. I'm sure that we're well on our way to sponsoring a new

scholarship in the near future. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this effort. The basket winners were: Corynne Courrpas, Jennifer & Gary Hein, Mark & Janine Wilson, Bill and Michele Sadler, and Robert and Kelly Horrocks.

January 2024 Tasting Information

Our first gathering for, 2024 will be held at the Westminster home of **Tammy Mangon** with **Nancy Slick and Bill Sadler** serving as wine hosts. The theme for this month is: “There’s no place like home.”

Please know that this tasting will likely exceed \$25 and I want to remind everyone to remember to bring a food dish for the shared table. A great party always is better with great food! Please RSVP as soon as you are able.

January 21, 2024 @ 2:00 pm

Tammy Mangon

[the location buttons on ccaws.net/mobile]

RSVP as soon as you are able to Tammy at:

[the RSVP links at ccaws.net and ccaws.net/mobile]

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April 4/21/2024			
May 5/19/2024	Steve and Theresa Prevosto	TBD	TBD
June 6/9/2023 OR 6/23/2024			National Tasting Project?
July 7/21/2024		BYOB	Picnic?
August 8/18/2024			
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February 2024 Newsletter

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From: Bill Sadler, Chapter Chair

As I sit writing this, I have a heavy heart for I need to share the news of the passing of longtime member Richard Blosveren. Richard was battling an illness for the past few months, but he's now gone on to be reunited with his lovely bride Carmen. We mourn his loss but at the same time we cherish and celebrate the lovely memories we had with Richard over the years. There will be a memorial service for Richard in the Spring at a time still to be determined.

Our next tasting will be on St. Patrick's Day at the home of Eileen Sein with Dorothy Hampton serving as the wine host. We will skip the month of February since no one has stepped up to host. Enjoy your long President's Day weekend!

January 2024 Recap

Our house host, **Tammy Mangon**, provided a lovely snow covered locale for first tasting of 2024 brought to us by wine hosts **Nancy Slick** and yours truly. We had fun exploring wines from our own backyard featuring three great Maryland wineries in Big Cork, Boordy and Loew. As you'll see from the votes below, it was a difficult decision trying to determine a winner as all the wines were quite lovely.

Here are the tasting wines:

Warm-up: Boordy Spritz, 2022	\$15	11 votes (winner)
Boordy Albarino, 2022	\$18	3 votes
Loew Chardonnay, 2019	\$28	zero votes
Big Cork, Russian Kiss 2022	\$23	2 votes
Loew Barbera Nouveau, 2022	\$26	zero votes
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Loew Ancestry Red Blend, 2020	\$26	4 votes

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March 2024 Newsletter

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

I feel like it has been raining for a month and I'd really like to see some sunshine. Too much gloomy weather is not healthy for any of us, even if it is keeping the reservoir full.

We also got some good news at the January meeting that our chapter's American Wine Society Education Fund's current balance is \$1,420. Once we reach a balance of \$3,500 we will be able to award another scholarship to a deserving student studying in the field of wine.

We are still looking for a house and/or wine host for the month of April. If you're interested in hosting, please let me know.

March Preview

Our next tasting will be on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 2024 at the home of Eileen Sien with Dorothy Hampton serving as the wine host. The theme for the tasting is *New Varietals for a Warming Planet*.

March 17, 2024 @ 2:00 pm

The Sien House

[the address found on the [Membership Brochure at ccaaws.net](#)]

RSVP by March 15, 2024 to Eileen at: [the RSVP links at ccaaws.net and ccaaws.net/mobile]

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April 2024 Newsletter

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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]

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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

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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]

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On a personal note ... the students are done, my grades are in and all I have to do tomorrow is tidy up my classroom, clean a few test tubes, write a few obligation notes for missing textbooks and watch an afternoon Orioles game. Say, how 'bout 'dem O's hon? Six in a row!

I hope everyone is well as we look forward to the rest of the month and the arrival of official summer; know that we will have the National Tasting Project this month on June 23rd at the home of **Linda and Ron Riley**, hosted by the amazing **Pat Valas**. See below for the agenda.

Finally, a shout out to **Dean and Becky Wilson**: They have graciously volunteered to serve as the newsletter editors for this group that we love so much. This will be the last newsletter that comes directly from me! I'll still be providing data for the newsletter so you shouldn't see any obvious changes, it will just be coming to you from a different email address.

Business Meeting Review

Here is a recap of the meeting notes courtesy of our eminent secretary Nancy Slick:

1. Treasurer's Report \$1,328.62
Mr. Landon wants the "slackers" to pay their chapter and National dues!
2. A revision to the By-laws was suggested and carried:
Article II Officers
Section 5
"If necessary any officer may designate another member to perform their duties at a monthly meeting. This was updated to "perform their duties as needed."
3. George Grillion made the suggestion to have Tastings every other month, but the members decided to keep the meetings monthly.
4. We have recruited some new members this year but everyone is encouraged to invite people to our chapter, especially younger folks!
5. A suggestion was made to create a vice-chair position to eventually move into the chair position, but no action or vote was taken on this.
6. The chairperson position is open, but no one has volunteered. We will revisit this in 6 months
7. John Landon will remain as Treasurer and Nancy Slick as Secretary.
8. With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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Audarya Rosato Cannonau di Sardegna, 2022	\$21	9 votes (winner)
Calstar Cellars Rose of Pinot Meunier, 2022	\$25	1 vote

June Preview

This month our tasting will be on the 4th Sunday, June 23, 2024 at the Woodbine home of **Linda and Ron Riley**. Our wine expert will be **Pat Valas** leading us in the process for judging the “National Tasting Project.” This is the tasting where all chapters across the land are tasting a select group of wines from the same region. This tasting is usually done blind, and Pat will collect our tasting sheets to report the results back to the national AWS folks. This tasting, depending on attendance, could cost between \$30 to \$45, so please be prepared. Don’t forget to bring a dish for the collective table to support our gastronomic needs after the tasting!

Please RSVP to Ron:

June 23, 2024 @ 2:00 pm

The Riley House

[the location buttons on ccaws.net/mobile]

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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!

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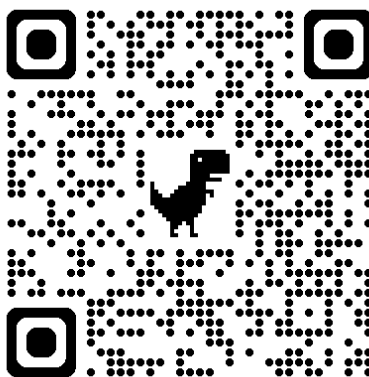
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From: Dean Wilson, Webmaster and Becky Wilson, former Chair.

Hello folks!

I didn't see many photos from the July Picnic, but I heard all had a great time. Sorry I wasn't there to nip at your horseshoe heels, Lee!

So all I have is some show and tell about Sweden, where Becky and I were while you all were sweating.



We started off right with an overpriced chardonnay at Dulles Airport. At left is yours truly, waiting for that boarding call. Delicious, but do not recommend.

A long flight, indeed, as we spent some 90 minutes on the ground while the crew located a fuel truck with fuel in it – twice!

Temperature on the runway was 101°F at takeoff (38°C, we had to know to tell our friends in Sweden)

Needless to say, it was cooler upon arrival. The weather was great and we had many gorgeous, sunny, looong days!

Being a fishing village, Simrishamn has become a big tourist destination for many Swedes, on the southern-most east coast – I call it the Miami of Sweden. And there is no shortage of fresh, gorgeous, delicious fish.



I'll probably post more on Facebook eventually, so stay tuned. Ok, enough about us. Let's get back to reality.

As you probably know, there is no tasting for August, so we're calling it a flyover month.

Keep in mind, 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.

July Recap

Well, that's old news now. But I'm sure you all enjoyed many lovely wines poolside. I did see Anna Stewart's post in the Facebook Group, thanks, Anna!

September Preview

I'll probably echo a lot of this next month, but let's look forward to September. Anna and Lee Stewart will be wine hosting a tasting themed -

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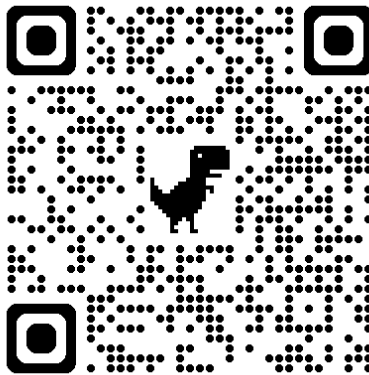
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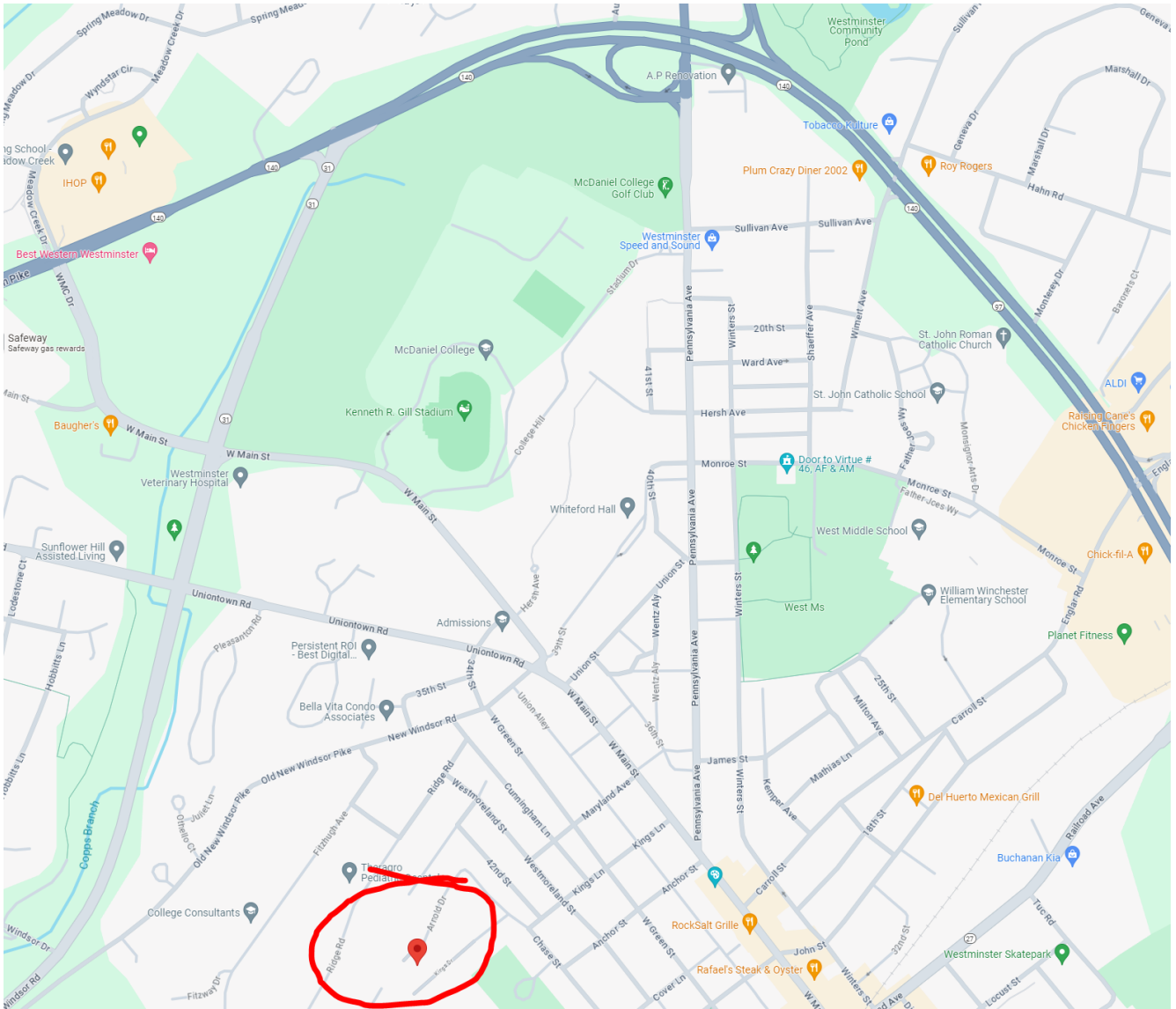
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Hello folks!

No travel for me, so I have no photos to feature, unless you ask me about my new water well. 😊

The American Wine Education Foundation is holding a raffle to win a **6-Litre Imperial of 2019 Castello Banfi Brunello di Montalcino!** See the website ccaws.net for details.

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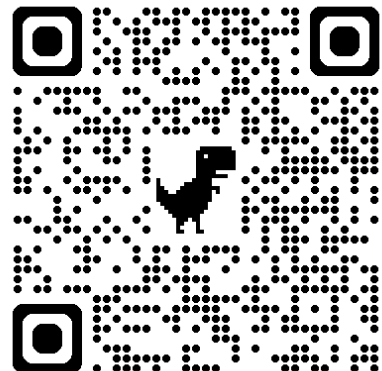
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From: Dean Wilson, Webmaster and Becky Wilson, former Chair.

Hello everyone!

Hope you had a safe and happy September. We bid a sad good-bye to the end of this summer, but I'm sure we'll pull through... eventually. (Did I mention I hate winter?)

A reminder that The American Wine Education Foundation is holding a raffle to win a **6-Litre Imperial of 2019 Castello Banfi Brunello di Montalcino!** See the website ccaws.net for details. You have until October 28th to enter! Best of luck!

September Recap

We were well entertained and educated at the fabulous home of Dan Reppe, with a wine presentation from LeRoy Stewart! A great tasting of Mexican wines and a tour of their wine country. Thanks Dan and LeRoy!

Also, LeRoy's presentation materials will be available on the website soon.

Here are the results for the ¡HECHO EN MEXICO! tasting:

Wine	Retail Price	Wine Votes
El Bajio Sparkling Brut NV Blend	\$19.99	9 votes
Casa Jipi Sauvignon Blanc 2022 100%	\$19.99	0 votes
Tres Raices Blanco Sauvignon Blanc 2021 100%	\$29.99	10 votes White Winner
Tres Raices Nebbiolo/Sangiovese 2021	\$39.99	5 votes
Scielo MX R.2 Cabernet Sauvignon 2022 100%	\$24.99	3 votes
Bodega Los Cedros, Tuma 2019 Shiraz/Malbec/Cabernet Sauvignon	\$39.99	8 votes Red Winner
El Bajio Sparkling Brut Rose NV	\$19.99	Rose Winner

Thanks to Alex of College Square Liquors for procuring many of these wines!

October Preview

Tracy Koch and Susan McGreevy will be presenting a tasting on **October 20th at 2:00 p.m.**, which Tracy describes as a "...100% box format wines including wines from Tablas Creek and Communal Brands both featured last year as pioneers in the sustainability movement." The tasting is titled:

Bougie Boxes

This will be held at the Horrockses' home in Taneytown. It will be great to be at the Horrockses' home again! **Please RSVP** via the website, ccaaws.net and ccaaws.net/mobile or to Robert Horrockses via email directly at: [the RSVP links at ccaaws.net and ccaaws.net/mobile]

Tracy says the cost of the tasting may exceed \$25 per person.

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

Baskets!

Yes, it's that time of year again already! Tracy Koch and Kelly Horrockses will be collecting raffle donation entries for the AWS Education Fund Basket Raffle! Several baskets will be raffled off at the Champagne Gala in December. If you'd like to participate, please ensure that you provide a bottle of wine retailing at least \$15 or more (before discounts) **along with** a check payable to **AWSEF** of at least \$25. You can drop off wine at the October and November tastings or send a check for a wine for \$15 or more to Kelly [Or use the **Chairperson** link on ccaaws.net and ccaaws.net/mobile for address info.]

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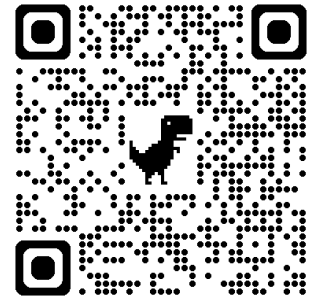
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November 2024 Newsletter

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Hello everyone!

Sorry, spiced-pumpkin-heads, this is my kind of November weather! (Did I mention I hate winter?) So I'll just be in the hot tub with my chardonnay, counting the shopping days until Christmas. Ok, enough of my gloating over unseasonably warm fall weather...

October Recap

Dodged a bullet when the Breedings saved the day! (Here's hoping Robert and Kelly are feeling better!)

Tracy Koch and Susan McGreevy presented box format, higher-end wines featuring pioneers in the sustainability movement. The tasting was titled: Bougie Boxes! And most of them were absolutely delicious! Thanks, Tracy and Susan, and a BIG thank you once again to Joe and Lynn Breeding!

Wine	Box	Bottle math	Votes	Comment
Independent Blanco (Warm Up)	\$22.00	\$5.50	14	Winner White - Macabeo/White Garnacha
Tablas Creek Patelin de Rose 2023	\$95.00	\$23.75	1	Grenache, Mourvedre and others
Juliet Orange Wine 2022	\$35.00	\$17.50	1	
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Tablas Creek Patelin de Tablas 2023	\$95.00	23.75	5	
Volpina Sangiovese, NV	\$25.00	\$6.25	1	
Peterson Dry Creek Valley Zinfandel 2020	\$99.00	\$28.00	13	Winner Red

November Preview

Our next meeting will be held at the home of Eileen Sien, hosting a **sherry** tasting presented by Becky and myself. Let's be clear: We will be *tasting* sherry, then we will also *drink* some wines. So there will only be short pours of the sherry, as it can be quite strong. These will be bookended by a white "opener" and a red "closer" to accompany our delicious food offerings after.

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Baskets Baskets Baskets!

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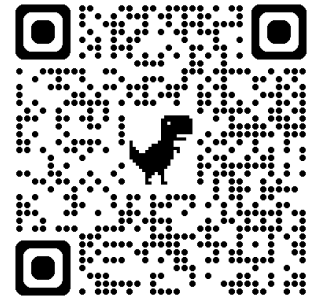
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December 2024 Newsletter

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

December Preview

Eileen Sien will be presenting a tasting on **Dec 15th 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.

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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.

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Other options are available, too.

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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

Find Us!

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

Our website: CCAWS.net and 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 and 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 and 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
		2025	
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