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January 2025 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!

December Recap

Becky couldn't make it on account of her infirmity, but she is recovering well. Eileen couldn't either, as she was travelling, but we got to enjoy her selection of (mostly) Champagnes at Corynne Courpas' lovely home! The rankings below don't tend to reflect the close fence-edges of the individual ratings. I rated most of these rather high.

Wine	Retail Price	Wine Votes
Louis Bouillot Perle d'Aurore Cremant de Bourgogne Sparkling Rose	\$20	1 vote
Marie de Moy Premier Cru	\$35.99	2 votes
Chanoine Freres Brut	\$40	0 votes
Perrier Jouet Grand Brut	\$55	4 votes
Nicolas Feuillatte Brut	\$35	3 votes
Taittinger La Francaise Brut	\$63	8 Winner
Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label Brut	\$56	3 votes



Thanks to Eileen Sien (*not shown*), and Corynne Courpas! (*standing, left*)

And There Were Baskets!

The results:



Port Basket

donated by Walt Rachele and Pat Valas was purchased by Anna and LeRoy Stewart for \$300!



Spanish Basket

donated by Dean and Becky Wilson was purchased by Joe and Lynn Breeding for \$150!

Raffle Winners

- #1 Mark and Janine Wilson
- #2 Nan Slick (*first time win!*)
- #3 Bill and Michelle Sadler
- #4 George and Jackie Grillon
- #5 John and JoAnn Landon

Congratulations all!

January Preview

Dotty and Dale Piper have gracefully volunteered as house hosts for wine host **Bill Sadler**. Bill will be presenting a tasting on **Jan 19th at 2:00 p.m.**

This tasting is:

South Africa

Big thanks to **Bill Sadler** and the **Pipers** for stepping up on short notice, to avoid skipping yet another month!

While we're on the subject, big thanks to all the recent volunteers who have recently stepped up! But please, look over the barren land of the 2025 schedule and see if you can fill any openings! This only works as a group effort! We need to get the flow going!

Becky and I will not be able to make it due to Becky's infirmity and my new Uber career (*JK!*). But to be clear, Becky is doing great, and we both hope to be back for February.

Please RSVP via the website, ccaws.net and ccaws.net/mobile or to Dottie & Dale via email directly at: [the RSVP links at ccaws.net and ccaws.net/mobile], or **Reply All** to this email with how many are attending.

That said, **Please RSVP early**, as Dale has concerns about seating over 30 people. There is *some* SRO (Standing Room Only) available, but don't show up cold, if you want a seat! Also, remember to please bring a food dish for the shared table.

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.

Member Wine Discount

NOTE: College Square Liquors may not be honoring member discounts – this has yet to be confirmed at this writing.

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

- 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

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 bill.sadler@nyu.edu 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 changes are possible.

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
		2025	
January 1/19/2025	Piper	Sadler	South Africa
February 2/16/2025	Tammy Mangan	Nan Slick and Guest Speaker: Russ Lorber	?
March 3/16/2025	Hampton	Hampton	?
April 4/20/2025	?	?	?
May 5/18/2025	?	?	?
June 6/15/2025	Breeding	?	?
July 7/20/2025	Grillon	BYOB	PICNIC
August 8/17/2025	?	?	?
September 9/21/2025	Reppe	Stewart	?
October 10/19/2025	Horrocks	?	?
November 11/16/2025	?	?	?
December 12/21/2025	Corynne Courpas	?	Sparkling Wine Gala