



February 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!
So sorry for the late publication, Becky and I have had (are having) a few rough weeks. But no time for excuses now! Let's get cracking!

January Recap

All the snow people were having a heyday, but the call was made to cancel (reschedule) the January meeting due to snow, and rightly so. It was a mess – but that is what snow is, unless you ski, or something. But I'll lighten the mood with this lovely photo of snow at sunset.



And the wine list isn't much of anything:

Wine	Retail Price	Wine Votes
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Dotty and Dale Piper have kindly offered to reschedule their snowed-out South Africa tasting to April 27th.

February Preview

The February tasting is on the 16th, next weekend. Nan Slick has joined forces with Russ Lorber from Wide Roots to present...

Italy vs. France

...a rivalry of the ages! Nan states it will be a BLIND tasting! We will be comparing a sparkling, a sauvignon blanc and a red blend. A list of wines will be given out after the tasting. And do I detect a hint of potential competition on several fronts? I believe I do! And with a bit of luck, Becky and I *will* be there!

Thanks again to all the recent volunteers who have recently stepped up to host! We are still looking to fill much of the 2025 schedule, so see if you can fill any openings! Wine we must!

Please RSVP via the website, ccaaws.net and ccaaws.net/mobile or RSVP as soon as you are able to Tammy at:
[the RSVP links at ccaaws.net and ccaaws.net/mobile]
or **Reply All** to this email with how many are attending.

[See the location buttons on ccaaws.net/mobile]

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 is once again honoring member discounts – John Landon dropped by the shop and made them an offer they could not refuse.

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 HERE! 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
		2025	
January 1/19/2025	SNOWED-OUT	SNOWED-OUT	SNOWED-OUT
February 2/16/2025	Tammy Mangan	Nan Slick and Guest Speaker: Russ Lorber	Italy vs. France
March 3/16/2025	Hampton	Hampton	?
April 4/27/2025	Piper	Sadler	South Africa
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