



March 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 again!
 Yes, winter is still here. What would we do without you, Phil?

February Recap

So glad that month is over! Looking forward to May... eventually...
 Our last tasting was held at the wonderfully warm home of Tammy Mangan. Thank you, Tammy! And our blind tasting challenged us to identify which of two similarly-styled wines were from Italy or France. A fun tasting, indeed! I wasn't very good at it! But all lovely wines presented by Nan Slick, procured by local wine importer Russ Lorber of Wide Roots! Thank you both!
 Here are the results from our Secretary, Nan:

Wine	Retail Price	Wine Votes	Country
Warm Up - Audarya Vermentino 2023	19.99	NV	Italy
<i>Sparklings</i>			
Gerard Bertrand Cremant de Limoux An 825 Brut 2021	24.99	9	France (Best Sparkling)
Berlucchi Franciacorta (NV)	44.99	5	Italy
<i>Whites – Sauvignon Blanc</i>			
Famille Bougrier Sancerre 2023	29.99	2	France
Fantinel Tenuta Sant' Helena 2023	24.99	12	Italy (Best White)
<i>Red Blend</i>			
Argentiera Poggio Ai Ginepri 2022	35.99	3	Italy
Chateau Tour Haut Caussan Medoc 2016	27.99	10	France (Best Red)

AWS News

The AWS February newsletter is [linked here](#). Highlights include:

- The National Tasting Project wines are *Australian*.
- The 2025 National Conference will be held in *Chantilly, Virginia* in November! Conveniently located near Dulles Airport, but you won't need to board a plane!

March Preview

The March meeting will include the 2025 Annual Business meeting on the 16th at Dorothy and Jerry Hampton! The business meeting will begin at 1:30 P.M. and all are welcome to attend. The wine tasting will begin at 2. The wine topic is:

Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the Vineyard

Dorothy writes: *"Discover how technology is shaping the future of fine wine. Taste wines crafted with cutting-edge technology and enjoy a unique fusion of tradition and innovation—one sip at a time."*

Business Meeting Preview

At this point, the agenda for the business meeting is as follows:

1. Treasurer and Membership Reports
2. Proposal to add a position for Vice-Chair/Chair Elect
3. Election of Officers (no one has stepped forward to throw their hat in the ring yet for Chair)
4. Tasting etiquette.

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, ccaws.net and ccaws.net/mobile or RSVP as soon as you are able to Dorothy at [the RSVP links at ccaws.net and ccaws.net/mobile]

or **Reply All** to this email with how many are attending.

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 the 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

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

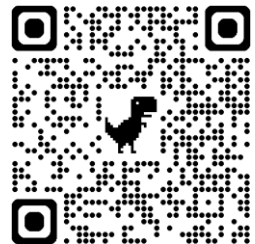
- College Square Liquors, Westminster
- Cranberry Liquors, Westminster
- Jeannie Bird Baking Company, Westminster
- Main Street Liquors, Hampstead
- The Wine Post, Glyndon
- Total Discount Liquors, Eldersburg

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 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	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	AI in the Vineyard
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