



April 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.

Greetings!

Ah, that first sweat of the year! What a great feeling to get outside, catching up on the winter damage and start preparing for some tolerable weather! Let's open up those windows and get some... wine!

March Recap

Bye bye, March! So much for your "out like a lamb" nonsense. More like a stubborn mule. Our last tasting was held at the wonderfully warm home of the Hamptons. Thanks to Jerry and to Dorothy for her presentation of "AI in the Vineyard". And hey, drones! Music to my ears as an FAA registered UAS pilot! We joke, but how long before one drops off a few bottles in the back yard? I'm OK with that. But enough about me, here are the results of the voting from our Secretary, Nan:

Wine	Retail Price	Wine Votes
Brancott Estate Sauvignon Blanc 2023 Marlborough	9.99	12 WINNER
Bernard Magrez Le Prelat Cotes du Rhone Villages 2021	15.99	7
Ridge Three Valleys Sonoma Red Blend 2022	35.00	7
Kiona Red Mountain Lemberger 2021 Washington	23.99	2
Kind of Wild Cabernet Sauvignon 2022 Washington	18.99	1
Gerard Bertrand Oriane Minervois Grenache/Syrah 2021	16.99	0
Symington Combio Do Vesuvio Douro Red Blend 2019	23.99	8

AWS News

A reminder that the 2025 National Conference will be held in *Chantilly, Virginia* in November! Registration is not open yet, so no hurry as yet.

[For more info click here.](#)

April Preview

Our April meeting will be at the Pipers' with Bill Sadler presenting the wines. The wine tasting will begin at 2. Bill's wine topic is:

South Africa

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 or RSVP as soon as you are able to [the RSVP links at ccaaws.net] 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 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.

Reminder for the AWS National Wine Conference 2025

November 6-8, 2025 | At Westfields Marriott Washington Dulles, Chantilly, VA.

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
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Find Us!



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

Our website: CCAWS.net

Call for HOSTS!

2025 is HERE! 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 bill.sadler@nyu.edu 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	Reppe?	?	?
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