



## May 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.

My condolences!

To those who mourn the final days of Winter. At last, that wicked witch is finally dead! No scraping of the windshield, yanking off boots – now it's mowing the lawn, cleaning the pool... these are tasks worth doing. But let's move on to our subject, tasting wines.

## April Recap

The April meeting was held on a beautiful day, and our friends the Pipers lent their fine abode for our enjoyment! Thanks to Dottie and Dale Piper, and thanks to our fearless Chairpersonforlife (where is spellcheck when you need it?) Bill Sadler! JK, JK... Bill was able to put together a fantastic lineup of Wines from South Africa! But wait, there was more! Walter Rachele shared one of his cellared bottles of South African Pinotage, plus Corynne Courpas and Dale Piper shared extracurriculars as well! It was a wonderful time, with wonderful food, too. Sorry if you missed it.

Here's the lineup - take it away, Nan -

Wine	Retail Price	Wine Votes
Spier Sauvignon Blanc 2023	\$11	2
Blaauwklippen Stellenbosch Sauvignon Blanc	\$18	3
Here and Now Rose Chenin Blanc/Pinotage	16	1
Remhoogte Honeybunch Reserve Chenin Blanc 2022	\$23	13 Best White
Vagabond Wine Co. Syrah 2020	\$28	1
Spier Seaward Pinotage 2022	\$20	8
Blaauwklippen De Blaauwe Klip Red Blend 2017	\$30	9 Best Red

Nan also writes “*How 'bout dem O's!*” whatever that means... 😬

## AWS News

Again, a reminder that the 2025 National Conference will be held in *Chantilly, Virginia* in November! Registration is not open yet, but the Westfields Marriott hotel is booking now.

[For more info click here.](#)

## May Preview

Yes, there will be one and it will be held at the distinguished home of Dan Reppe, on

**Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM**

we have been assured. The topic for Dottie and Dale Piper's presentation is:

## *Wines of Puglia, Italy*

Dale and Dottie will talk about their connections to Puglia, the heel of the Italy's boot, and share with us some of the typical wines from the region.

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! *In vino veritas!*

**Should this occasion arise, please RSVP** via the website, [ccaws.net](http://ccaws.net) or RSVP as soon as you are able to or **Reply All** to this email with how many are attending.

[Contact the [webmaster](#) for details]

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

## 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 ccaws.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 - \$89 (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.

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## 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](http://CCAWS.net)

## *Call for HOSTS!*

2025 is HERE! We need hosts desperately! Please contact **Bill Sadler** at [bill.sadler@nyu.edu](mailto: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](http://ccaws.net)] and we can set that up!

Month	House Host	Wine Host	Theme
		<b>2025</b>	
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	Pipers	Wines of Puglia, Italy
June 6/15/2025	Breeding	D. Wilson	National Tasting Project: Australia
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