



**March 2026 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 Punxatawnians!

When will it end? I always say May – none of this Out-like-a-lamb / April-showers propaganda! Just had a fresh dusting recently, to cover up the gray piles of frozen runoff, so at least it looks presentable, but this gray lifestyle has got to go!

***Call for HOSTS!***

Looking better, but not quite good. This elephant in the room still belongs on page 1. We need hosts, folks! 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 2026 schedule below. If a week 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!

		<b>2026</b>	
<b>Month</b>	<b>House Host</b>	<b>Wine Host</b>	<b>Theme</b>
January 1/18/2026	✕	✕	✕
February 2/15/2026	T. Mangan	D. Wilson	Beaujolais
March 3/15/2026	D. Reppe	Slick	<b>Weird</b> Wines Annual Meeting @ 1:15PM
April 4/19/2026	D. Piper	Reppe	Rioja
May 5/17/2026	D. Reppe	Loew's	Loew's Vineyards
June 6/21/2026	Breeding	?	National Tasting Project
July 7/19/2026	Grillon	BYOB	PICNIC
August 8/16/2026	?	?	?
September 9/20/2026	D. Reppe	Caymus	Caymus Wines
October 10/18/2026	Horrocks	?	?
November 11/22/2026	?	?	?
December 12/13/2026	Courpas	?	Bubbly!

## February Review

The Beaujolais tasting, I'm told, went rather well. I presented six wines from the twelve total AOCs of the Beaujolais region, which is technically an extension of Burgundy. Only nine of us made it up Tammy's long, snow-laden driveway. We are very thankful for Tammy Mangan's lovely, warm home!

### Beaujolais



Wine	Retail Price \$	Wine Votes
Domaine Luquet Saint Veran Chardonnay 2023	19	Winner White
Jean-Claude Debeaune, Beaujolais-Villages Special Selection 2023	22	0
Chateau Thivin Brouilly, Reverdon 2023	46	3
Jean-Claude Debeaune, Moulin-A-Vent 2021	32	3
Amaud Combier, Chiroubles 2022	36	4 Winner Red
Georges Duboeuf, Beaujolais Nouveau 2025 <i>(the wine you love to hate!)</i>	18	0

Several links to materials and videos used in my presentation (and more) are available online [HERE](#).

And Dan Reppe shared an amazing presentation of a BLUE WINE! Yes, it was severely faulted, but blue – I don't mean blueberry I'm talking WINDEX! Behold –



Dan says the fault is called Copper Casse and smells absolutely dreadful, as Nan clearly expresses. Dan can tell you more about how he came to obtain it, and for more information, ask LeRoy! 😊

## March Preview

March is time for our Annual Business Meeting. If you have any issues, questions, topics, desires, suggestions or yes, complaints, bring them! If you can't make it to the meeting email the Chair at [the **Chairperson** link on [ccaws.net](http://ccaws.net)]

The meeting will start at 1:15 P.M. so plan ahead! After the meeting at 2:00 P.M. the wine tasting will begin. Nancy has announced her topic for the tasting:

## WeIRD Wines

*See what I did there? I'm just a font of humor... ahem...*

The meeting will be held at Dan Reppe's fine estate. There is some driveway parking but mostly around the cul de sac, so mind the neighbor's driveway access. *(See map below)*

[the RSVP links at [ccaws.net](http://ccaws.net)]

## 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: 17 Ridge Road, Westminster, MD 21157.

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.

**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 Discounts

**NEW:** Both [Paradiso](#) and [Fiamata](#) restaurants in Carroll County offer “*Half Price Wine Bottle Wednesdays*”

(Fiamata has **Tuesdays** half-price bottles posted too, but recently posted on Facebook “...[on certain selections](#)” )

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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