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December 31, 2002

Happy New Year !

This December's Champagne tasting was a wonderful affair! Once again, the Blosverens provided a picture perfect setting for an enchanting afternoon. The only real problem I could see was that it's going to be close to impossible for John Landon and Jennifer Hein to put together another group of wines as extraordinary as this one was. Perhaps there was some buzz in the wind as to how excellent the lineup was to be, as we had a record turnout for our meeting. I know the vote count doesn't reflect that. I guess the others were just having too much fun to vote. John wanted me to note that while we had a three-way tie for second place, the Domaine Carneros disappeared pretty fast after the tasting, so perhaps it was the strongest contender for second place.

Warm up	Rondel Extreme Brut NV	\$7.99
tied 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Prin Pere et Fils Brut NV	\$29.99
<b>1<sup>st</sup> place</b>	<b>Schramsberg Blanc de Blanc 1998</b>	<b>\$33.99</b>
tied 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Domaine Carneros Brut 1999	\$25.99
tied 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Letrari Brut Riserva 1995	\$39.99
	Pommery Brut Rose NV	\$49.99
	Duval-Leroy Brut Rose NV	\$37.99
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bollinger Grande Annee 1995	\$89.99

As a tribute to members no longer with us Bill Eisberg declared December 8<sup>th</sup> our founders day to be remembered each December at our Champagne tasting. He read a moving letter that I am attaching a copy of. This was followed by the drawings for our Fund-Raising baskets. We were all happy to have Phyllis Mowbray draw the winners. Her presence made the event even more special.

The winners were the Pardoes, Browns, Johnstons, Benzils, Barbours, Barnetts and Parker/Jamison. Congratulations to the winners.

Our next meeting will be held at the Browns' on Sunday, January 19. Please call the Browns by the 16<sup>th</sup> if you will be attending. The fee for the tasting will be \$20.00 - \$22.00. The entire tasting fee will be going to the Ham Mowbray Scholarship fund as Walt and Pat are going to be donating the Ports and the Browns are going to be donating the cheese and bread. The monies raised at this tasting should be enough to finally reach our goal and fully fund our first Scholarship award.

Please note the dates on the schedule below. There are a few meetings that are being moved this year due to holidays, winefest etc.

*"If all be true that I do think, there are five reasons we should drink:  
Good friends, good times, or being dry, or lest we should be by and by, or any other reason why."  
- unknown*

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February 1, 2003

Hello,

Our January meeting was a wonderful experience, as well as a great fundraiser. Walt and Pat treated us to a great array of ports. Along with the ports, Pat donated two huge bottles of wine that she had originally acquired through the silent auction for the Educational Foundation. Let's see, then she donated them to raise more money for the foundation, then paid to sample her donated wine. I'd say that's above and beyond. Then there were the ports. The first five ports on the list below were the ones we tasted in the formal portion of the tasting. The others were opened afterwards. All were donated from Walt's cellar and of the ones I sampled, they were just wonderful. This was, without a doubt, the most well enjoyed and well-received port tasting since I have been a member of our group. We owe Walt Rachele and Pat Valas a big "Thank You" for making this effort to fund the Ham Mowbray Scholarship. A "Thank You" to the Browns as well - they donated their bread and cheese allowance. So, with 32 people attending we raised enough money to establish our first full scholarship fund, and are on our way to a second.

	<u>Vineyard</u>	<u>Vintage</u>	<u>Retail Price</u>
A	Estancia- Cab Sauv	1980	80.00
B	Dry Creek- Cab Sauv	1992	120.00
1	Rozes over 40 year Tawny	NA	85.00
2	Taylor Fladgate 20 Year Old Tawny	NA	49.99
3	Barros Colheita	1977	50.00
4	Hutcheson Vintage	1991	25.00
5	Taylor Fladgate LBV	1994	21.99
6	Quinta do Infantado Estate Tawny	NV	13.99
7	KWV Full Tawny	NV	7.49
8	Rozes 20 Year Tawny	NV	25.29
9	Messina Hof Ports of Call- TX	NV	18.75
10	Messina Hof Papa Paulo-Reserve	1998	29.66
11	WillowGlen Premium Tawny	NV	7.99
12	Porto Morgando Ruby	NV	9.99
13	Quinta do Cotto Vinho Tinto	1998	11.99

The February tasting will be held at Florence and Bob Kersey's. Please be sure to call them early, as the number of attendees will be limited due to seating concerns. I will be wine hosting for my first time (so please be kind). I have cellared three vintage beaujolais for a year. We will be comparing them to the newer, just-released vintage bottlings.

We still need house and wine hosts for June and a house host for August. As it's on the schedule right now, the June tasting is on Father's Day. We will leave it to the house host to go with that date or move it to one of the adjacent Sundays. The only additional business on deck for this month is *dues*: If you have not paid your dues for this year, please do so. Or, get in touch with John or myself to let us know your intentions so we can clean up the mailing list.

Please check the dates, there have been some changes to previous schedules:

2003 CCAWS Schedule

Date	House	Wine Host	Topic
16-Feb	Kersey	B. Wilson	Vintage Beaujolais
9-Mar	Johnston	Johnston	Grenache
13-Apr	Brown	Brown	
18-May	Barbour	Nan Slick	Alsation Wines
15-Jun?			
20-Jul	Grillon	PICNIC	Picnic, Pool & Party
17-Aug			National Tasting
14-Sep	Nestorick	Rachele	
20-Sep	MD Wine Festival	- NA -	MD Wine Festival
19-Oct	Eisberg	Eisberg / Fiola	
16-Nov	Michaelsen	Parker	2000 Bordeaux
Dec - ?	Blosveren	Landon	Champagne

**A reminder:** The newsletters are all available online at our website (below). We send notification via email only to those who wish to receive it. If you are not receiving email notification, it's probably because we do not have your email address, so send email to the address above, requesting addition to the list. Similarly, if you do not wish to receive email notices, send us a message stating so. We don't divulge email addresses without permission, and distribute only brief messages announcing the newsletter, or timely issues we deem important - we hate junk email too, you know.

*The best use of bad wine is to drive away poor relations.  
French proverb*

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March 1, 2003

Hello,

After postponing our tasting for a week it seemed everyone was happy to be thinking about something besides snow (you know it's a four letter word). A big thank you to the Kerseys for putting everything on hold and welcoming us this past Sunday instead. As wine host this month I presented three currently released Vintage Beaujolais with three that I had cellared for a year. For two of the pair our consensus was that the additional year was not beneficial. Only the last pair from the most esteemed Beaujolais cru of Moulin A` Vent seemed to show some aging potential. The last pair were also voted as clear favorites of the tasting. I know I learned a lot while putting this tasting together thank you for letting me share it with those of you that attended.

Visit our website (see below) for Beaujolais links mentioned at the tasting.

Warm Up	Louis Jadot: Beaujolais-Villages Blanc "Chateau des Jacques" 2001	\$15.99
1	Louis Jadot: Beaujolais-Villages 2000	\$9.99
2	Louis Jadot: Beaujolais-Villages 2001	\$9.99
3 third	Chateau de Rausset: Chiroubles 1998	\$12.99
4	Chateau de Rausset: Chiroubles 2001	\$
5 second	Georges DuBoeuf: Moulin À Vent 1999	\$11.99
6 first	Georges DuBoeuf: Moulin À Vent "Prestige" 2000	\$18.99

Our next meeting will be held at the Johnstons on Sunday March 9 at 2:00 pm. Please call Jack and Emily by the 6<sup>th</sup> if you plan on attending. The Johnstons will be presenting a program on Grenache. You can always count on a fire to warm your bones and an interesting twist on the presentation at the Johnstons.

## 2003 CCAWS Schedule

Date	House	Wine Host	Topic
9-Mar	Johnston	Johnston	Grenache
13-Apr	Brown	Brown	
18-May	Barbour	Nan Slick	Alsation Wines
15-Jun	Stewart	Stewart	
20-Jul	Grillon	PICNIC	Picnic, Pool & Party
17-Aug	Murry	National Tasting	National Tasting
14-Sep	Nestorick	Rachele	
20-Sep	MD Wine Festival	- NA -	MD Wine Festival
19-Oct	Eisberg	Eisberg / Fiola	
16-Nov	Michaelsen	Parker	2000 Bordeaux
Dec - ?	Blosveren	Landon	Champagne

This will be the last news letter to anyone that has not paid their dues for the current year unless you contact John or myself.

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Let's drink of it, and to it.*

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March 21, 2003

Hello,

Our Anniversary meeting found us once again at the Johnston home, where our chapter was formed 23 years ago. While we are sadly missing many of the founding members that are no longer with us, the Johnstons continue to always provide us with a meeting that is both interesting and educational in keeping with our founding principals. The topic for our March meeting was Grenache. Jack tried very hard to be sure that each of the wines we tasted contained 90% to 100% Grenache. He even managed to find a white Grenache for our warm-up. Unlike white Zinfandels that are "white" wines made from a red grape this cousin to the red Grenache is a white grape. The warm-up was such a pleasant wine at such a pleasant price I'm sure we will all be seeing more of it at non wine club social occasions. We had a very clear favorite for this tasting as well as a clear runner-up with only two of the wines getting votes at all. Along with the general characteristics of leather, tobacco and berries we also noted another characteristic is high alcohol levels hence the name "The Fifteen" (percent.)

Warm-up	Gran Copos Garnacha Blanca 2000	\$5.99
	Le Gramenon 2001	\$12.99
	Brunel Côtes du Rhône "L'enclose" 2001	\$9.99
	Domaine St. Antoine 2001	\$8.49
#1	Swan's Flight 2000	\$14.99
	Domaine Santa Duc "Heritage" 2000	\$19.99
#2	"The Fifteen" 2000	\$15.00

April's meeting will be at the home of Bill and Barbara Brown on Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 P.M. Please call the Browns if you plan on attending by Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Bill will be presenting Pinot Noirs from the Russian River Valley in Sonoma California. What a shame we can't all go to that most beautiful of valleys for this tasting, There can't be many places as enchanting as the Russian River valley in April. Grape vines blooming, fox glove and delphiniums six feet tall, roses bursting forth, warm days - cool nights (I must want/need a vacation).

## 2003/2004 CCAWS Schedule

Date	House	Wine Host	Topic
13-Apr	Brown	Brown	Russian River Pinot Noir
18-May	Barbour	Nan Slick	Alsatian Wines
15-Jun	Stewart	Stewart	
20-Jul	Grillon	PICNIC	Picnic, Pool & Party
17-Aug	Murray	National Tasting	National Tasting
14-Sep	Nestorick	Rachele	
20-Sep	MD Wine Festival	- NA -	MD Wine Festival
19-Oct	Eisberg	Eisberg / Fiola	
16-Nov	Michaelsen	Parker	2000 Bordeaux
14-Dec	Blosveren	Landon	Champagne
18-Jan	Grillon	Grillon	

*I wonder what the vintners buy one half so precious as the stuff they sell.  
- Omar Khayyam*

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May 5, 2003

Hello all!

The last meeting was at the Browns, where Bill hosted Pinot Noir from the Russian River Valley region. All wines had merit, as voting was fairly widespread. Thanks to Bill and Barb for their great presentation, venue and hospitality, and to Jennifer Hein of Cranberry Liquors for her expertise and assistance!

Warm-up	HRM - Rex - Goliath 2001 Central Coast	\$7.99
1.	Cote de Carneros 2000, Carneros Creek	\$14.99
2.	Kenwood 2000, Russian River	\$14.99
1 <sup>st</sup> Place 3.	Castle Rock 2001, Carneros	\$11.99
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place 4.	Stratford 2001, Napa Valley/Russian River	\$15.99
5.	Pedroncelli 2001, Dry Creek Valley	\$13.99
6.	Schug 2001, Sonoma Valley	\$15.99

Next meeting will be at the Barbour's on **Sunday, May 18**. Nan Slick will present Alsatian Wines. Please RSVP to the Barbour's by Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup>.

2003/2004 CCAWS Schedule			
Date	House	Wine Host	Topic
05/18/03	Barbour	Nan Slick	Alsatian Wines
06/18/03	Stewart	Stewart	Tempranillo
07/20/03	Grillon	PICNIC	Picnic, Pool & Party
08/17/03	Murray	National Tasting	National Tasting
09/20/03	MD Wine Festi	- NA -	MD Wine Festival
10/19/03	Eisberg	Eisberg / Fiola	?
11/16/03	Michaelsen	Parker	2000 Bordeaux
12/14/03	Blosveren	Landon	Champagne

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But in wine, one beholds the heart of another."*

*An Old French proverb*

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June 3, 2003

Hello,

Our last meeting managed to fall on one of the very few days we've had this month that hasn't been overcast. It was a lovely day to sit in the sun on the Barbour's lovely patio and enjoy an extra glass of the delightful wines that Nan Slick put together for us from the Alsace region of France. I've noted on many occasions that our group has very similar taste and we seem to vote for clear favorites by a very large majority. Not so this month. Our votes were widely spread among the wines offered.

No.	Votes	Wines	Price
Warm-up		Domaine Weinbach Sylvaner 2001`	16.98
1	1	Willm Gentil 2001	8.98
2	0	Wolfberger Pinot Blanc 2001	8.98
3	1	Mader Riesling 1998	14.99
4	1	Zind Humbrecht Riesling Gueberschwihr 1998	24.98
5	3	Bar Mesbucher Rosenberg de Wellolsheim Riesling 2000 <i>Domaine Barmès</i>	21.99
6	5	William Roan Viognier 2001	9.98
7	6	Willm Gewürztraminer 2001	11.98

Our next tasting will be at the home of Anna and LeRoy Stewart. LeRoy will be presenting a tasting featuring Tempranillo. Our meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Father's Day, Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. Please call the Stewarts by Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup> if you plan on attending. Remember goodies for the table are always appreciated.

2003/2004 CCAWS Schedule			
Date	House	Wine Host	Topic
06/15/03	Stewart	Stewart	Tempranillo
07/20/03	Grillon	PICNIC	Picnic, Pool & Party
08/17/03	Murray	National Tasting	National Tasting
09/20/03	MD Wine Festi	- NA -	MD Wine Festival
10/19/03	Eisberg	Eisberg / Fiola	0
11/16/03	Michaelsen	Parker	2000 Bordeaux
12/14/03	Blosveren	Landon	Champagne

I was sorry to hear that Pennee Parker has managed to break her leg. In typical Pennee fashion she never does anything in a small way. She will be in a cast for six months. YUCK!

Some of our members have asked me recently about more structured tastings, where they could learn more about the standard components of wine tasting. I took this to Walt Rachele and Pat Valas. They have offered to do this as a side tasting at there home. They have four possible dates available: Saturday June 21 & 28 July 5 & 12. Time will probably be around 2:00 PM. There will be a small fee to be determined by the cost of the wines tasted. Please give them a call right away so they can firm up a date or dates.

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But in wine one beholds the heart of another.*  
- French proverb

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6/20/03

Hello,

Our Father's Day tasting sure brought a big crowd to the home of Anna and LeRoy Stewart. I guess LeRoy's Topic "Tempranillo" was a tempting draw. The rain held off, the sun peaked its head out occasionally, good friends and lots of wines to explore. Sounds like a perfect day to me. This group of hearty red wines had some strong family characteristics. Lots of fruit and acid with some moderate tannins. Interesting that the two 1995 vintages did not rank high when we voted on favorites but still had the characteristics of the younger wines. See our website for more information about these wines from LeRoy.

Warm-ups	Vote	Wine	Price
I.	3	Marqués de Cáceres, Rioja 2002 (grape: Viura)	\$ 5.99
II.	Rest	Marqués de la Villa, Toro 2002 (grape: Malvasía)	\$ 5.99
<b>Tempranillos</b>			
1.	0	Pergolas, Valdepeñas Gran Reserva 1995	\$ 7.99
2.	10	Flor de Pingus, Ribera del Duero Crianza 2000	\$49.99
3.	4	Finca Sobreño, Toro Crianza 2000	\$ 9.99
4.	1	Marqués de Cáceres, Rioja Crianza 1999	\$11.99
5.	1	Carmelo Rodero, Ribera del Duero Reserva 1995	\$38.99
6.	1	Condado de Haza, Ribera del Duero Crianza 1999	\$19.99
7.	14	Prado Rey, Ribera del Duero Crianza 1998	\$19.99

The annual wine club picnic will be held on Sunday July 20 at the home of Jackie and George Grillon at 2:00 PM. Please call them to RSVP by Wednesday July 16<sup>th</sup> so we know how many burgers and dogs to buy. Bring your family, chairs, bathing suits, tennis rackets, a dish for the table and some *vin* to share. There will be a \$5.00 per-adult fee.

I'm working on filling next year's schedule already. I would love to have the year booked before turning the reins (or is it *reigns*?) over to the new incoming chair, so please let me know if you can fill one of the vacant spots.

## 2003/2004 CCAWS Schedule

Date	House	Wine Host	Topic
20-Jul	Grillon	PICNIC	Picnic, Pool & Party
17-Aug	Murray	National Tasting	Cabernet
14-Sep	Nestorick	Rachele	
20-Sep	MD Wine Festival	- NA -	MD Wine Festival
19-Oct	Eisberg	Eisberg / Fiola	Malbec Maybe
16-Nov	Michaelsen	Parker	2000 Bordeaux
14-Dec	Blosveren	Landon	Champagne
18-Jan	Grillon	Eisberg	
15-Feb	Kozak	Rachele	Port
21-Mar	Johnston	Johnston	
18-Apr	Brown	Brown	
16-May		Slick	
20-Jun			
18-Jul	Grillon ?	PICNIC	
15-Aug	Evans		
19-Sep			
17-Oct	Barbour		
21-Nov			
Dec -??	Blosveren	Landon	

*"Is not old wine wholesomest, old pippins toothsomest, old wood burn brightest, old linen wash whitest? Old soldiers, sweethearts, are surest, and old lovers are soundest."*

- John Webster c. 1580 - c. 1625

[Ed. note fr. Merriam-Webster: **pip-pin** 1 : any of numerous apples that have usually yellow or greenish yellow skins strongly flushed with red and are used especially for cooking]

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August 4, 2004

Hello,

I certainly need to start this newsletter with a big THANK YOU to the Grillons. I can't imagine what could have happened to make our chapter family picnic more perfect. George and Jackie went above and beyond with the pool, the fishing, horseback rides followed by the house tour. They have made our transition from the much beloved Wood's home so much easier than any of us could have imagined.

Our August tasting will be at the home of **Dick and Emily Murray, Sunday, Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.** You can call them to **RSVP**. You may want to call early, as we will be limiting attendance to 30 because of seating concerns. Dick also asked me to tell you that the intersection of Green and Anchor streets is closed due to the Westminster sinkhole problem.

This will be our national tasting meeting so come prepared to score (no strong cologne/perfume) and turn your sheets in. The topic is CABERNET VINTAGE COMPARISON: 1999 VS 2000 OR 2000 VS 2001. It should turn out to be an interesting and entertaining tasting.

The **Maryland Wine Festival** is soon upon us so please remember to get in touch with **Emily Johnston**. She needs lots of volunteers to make the Wine Education booth run smoothly. So if you haven't heard from her yet give her a call or send email to [her].

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Date	House	Wine Host	Topic
17-Aug	Murray	Wilson	Cabernet
14-Sep	Nestorick	Rachele	
20-Sep	MD Wine Festival	(none)	MD Wine Festival
19-Oct	Eisberg	Eisberg / Fiola	Malbec Maybe
16-Nov	Michaelsen	Parker	2000 Bordeaux
14-Dec	Blosveren	Landon	Champagne
18-Jan	Grillon	Eisberg	
15-Feb	Kozak	Rachele	Port
21-Mar	Johnston	Johnston	
18-Apr	Brown	Brown	
16-May		Slick	
20-Jun			
18-Jul	Grillon ?	PICNIC	
15-Aug	Evans		
19-Sep			
17-Oct	Barbour		
21-Nov			
14-Dec	Blosveren	Landon	

*"Why is there so much wine left at the end of my money?"  
Milan Maximovich, Thunder Mountain Wines*

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September 2, 2003

Hello,

Our August tasting was a little difficult to put together, but a lot of fun to taste through. It was our AWS national tasting project; many thanks go to the Murrays, for their hospitality, and to Nan Slick and Jennifer Hein for their assistance in collecting the wines. The subject was a comparison of two different vintages of Cabernet Sauvignons. Our group blind-tasted 1999 and 2000 pairs of the following, with the Sterling 1999 voted as the strong favorite.

Order	Wine	Price
Starter	Domaine St. Pierre Chardonnay 2001	\$7.99
#1	Trinchero Family Selection Cabernet Sauvignon 1999	\$12.99
#2	Trinchero Family Selection Cabernet Sauvignon 2000	\$12.99
#3	Estancia Cabernet Sauvignon 1999	\$13.29
#4	Estancia Cabernet Sauvignon 2000	\$13.29
#5	Geyser Peak Cabernet Sauvignon 1999	\$14.99
#6	Geyser Peak Cabernet Sauvignon 2000	\$13.60
#7	Sterling Vineyards Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 1999 - <b>FAVORITE</b>	\$22.99
#8	Sterling Vineyards Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2000	\$26.99

The September meeting will be at the home of Rob and Doreen Nestorick. Our meeting will be a week EARLY this month, Sunday Sep. 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm so please call them by Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> if you plan on attending. Walter and Pat will feature wines from a single surprise winery. So bring your sence of adventure and come on down to the Nestoricks on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

## 2003/2004 CCAWS Schedule

Date	House	Wine Host	Topic
14-Sep	Nestorick	Rachele	Mystery Tour
20-Sep	MD Wine Festival	(none)	MD Wine Festival
19-Oct	Eisberg	Eisberg / Fiola	Malbec
16-Nov	Michaelsen	Parker	2000 Bordeaux
14-Dec	Blosveren	Landon	Champagne
18-Jan	Grillon	Eisberg	Big Red
15-Feb	Kozak	Carl Brandhorst	South African
21-Mar	Johnston	Johnston	
18-Apr	Brown	Brown	
16-May		Slick	
20-Jun			
18-Jul	Grillon ?	PICNIC	
15-Aug	Evans		
19-Sep			
17-Oct	Barbour		
21-Nov			
14-Dec	Blosveren	Landon	

I am happy to announce that we voted to do the **Ham Mowbray Wine Basket Scholarship Fundraiser** again this year. So please bring your checks for \$25.00 (payable to **AWSEF**) and your bottle of wine valued at \$10.00 retail (at least.) Hopefully, there will be enough members joining in to have four or five baskets again this year. I will be taking the checks and wine during the next three meetings, and the drawing will kick off our Champagne gala. If you have any questions about the fundraising project, please feel free to call me.

*"On one occasion some one put a very little wine into a [glass], and said that it was sixteen years old. 'It is very small for its age,' said Gnathaena." - Athenaeus from "The Deipnosophists," XIII, 47 [c. A.D.200]*

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October 1, 2003

From what I hear, the September meeting held at the Nestoricks' and hosted by Valas & Rachele must have been a real blast. With a dazzling array of five warm up wines (... yes, five - I'd call that hot not warm) followed by six wines all from the Cape May Winery in New Jersey. Walt and Pat continue to treat us to wines we would not normally be able to sample without the benefit of their wine collecting while traveling. Look for a special tasting from them again in February as another fun fundraiser for the AWSEF.

	<b>Wine</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Price</b>
1	Pinot Gris, 2002		\$14.00
2	Chardonnay, 2002		\$16.00
3	Riesling	1 <sup>st</sup>	\$12.00
4	Merlot, 2001		\$18.00
5	Cabernet Sauvignon, 1999	2 <sup>nd</sup> *	\$16.00
6	Cabernet Franc, 2000	2 <sup>nd</sup> *	\$18.00

\*Tied for second place

Our October tasting will be at the home of Bill and Barbara Eisberg. Be sure to call them early, as seating will be limited to 24. Joe Fiola will be presenting a tasting of Malbecs (the buzz is it's becoming the Merlot of the what - the 0's? the *Oughts*?) Anyway, I for one, am very much looking forward to tasting more of them!

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19-Oct	Eisberg	Eisberg / Fiola	Malbec
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14-Dec	Blosveren	Landon	Champagne
18-Jan	Grillon	Eisberg	Big Red
15-Feb	Kozak	Carl Brandhorst	South African
21-Mar	Johnston	Johnston	
18-Apr	Brown	Brown	
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20-Jun			
18-Jul	Grillon ?	PICNIC	
15-Aug	Evans		
19-Sep			
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21-Nov			
14-Dec	Blosveren	Landon	

To those who haven't heard, **Barry Brunett** is, in his words, "still above ground" and on the road to recovery, getting better soon, we all hope!

Please remember to bring your wine and checks to the next two meetings for the **Ham Mowbray Educational Fund Raiser**. The check is to be made out for \$25.00 (or more) to the **AWSEF** and the wine has to have a retail value of \$10.00. Once again, I will hopefully be able to put together four or five baskets with four or five bottles in each basket. We start out this year with the remaining wine from the case John Landon so kindly donated. Dean and I will be donating a basket filled with Blue Crab Bay Co. seasonings and mixes along with a bottle of wine. If you want to participate in the basket drawing at the Champagne Tasting in December, and can not get to one of the next two meetings, CALL me (*now* would be good.) I'll be happy to work with you and pick your donation up. Also, Emily has nurtured the plant we gave to her last year. She has divided it into four, I think, and would like to use them as part of the Champagne festivities. Suggestions...?

*What I do and what I dream include thee, as the wine must taste of its own grapes.*  
- Elizabeth Barrett Browning

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11/5/03

Greetings,

As the year is coming to a close, I will be starting this newsletter with a reminder about getting in your checks AND wine for the Ham Mowbray Scholarship Fund-raiser and wine basket event. At this time I only have seven checks and four bottles of wine, so if it's to be the grand success that it was last year, I need those bottles and checks at the next meeting. Again, I will be happy to come and get them if need be (I have a few minutes free at about 5:00AM on the 27 of November☺). Dean and I have put together lots of extra little goodies to include with the wine donations to make the baskets tons of fun. Along with those things, we've put together our own donation basket of Chesapeake Bay Crab Company items and I guess I'll do another jewelry donation basket too. Naomi and Phil opened up their pantry and added a few of Naomi's great homemade goodies (ignore her, she only thinks she donated a jar of her great chutney. I have no recollection of a jar of chutney in the box of things they gave me☺) Then, don't forget, we still have the other half case of wine that our supreme treasurer donated last year. So come on and get the wine and checks flowing. All of the money goes to the Scholarship Fund and the wine goes back to the lucky members whose names get picked at the Champagne tasting in December. Again, The check is to be made out for \$25.00 (or more) to the **AWSEF** and the wine has to have a retail value of \$10.00. Remember that you have to donate a bottle and a check to get your name in the fish bowl.

Our October meeting was a great event. Joe Fiola put together a wonderful group of Malbecs from Argentina. Joe presented us with a few different types of tasting experiences. First, we contrasted two Malbecs from the Elsa label but two different vintage years. He followed that with two pairs that were first and second labels. He finished off the tasting by offering a truly stellar Malbec that was so adored, we decided not to include it in the voting for #1 as it was so clearly #1 both in quality and price (\$49.00.) Thank you Joe for a great tasting and Barbara and Bill for a great day and beautiful deck to spend it on!

Wine	Votes Best of 1-6	Votes Best of all	Price
Elsa, San Rafael, 1998	2	0	\$6.99
Elsa, 2000	3	0	\$6.99
Alamos (Argentina) 2001	0	0	\$10.99
Catena, 2001	0	0	\$13.99
Trumpeter, 2001	14	2	\$9.99
Felipe Rutini, 2000	9	0	\$13.99
Yacochaya, 2000		17	\$48.99

November's tasting will be at the home of Peg and Art Michaelsen. Please call them by Thursday, November 13 if you plan to attend. We will taste a group of 2000 Bordeaux wines put together by Pennee Parker and John Jamison. It should be an exciting meeting.

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In December I will be turning over the chairpersonship to Richard Murray. Barbara Brown will be taking over Barry's position as Secretary. Dean will continue to be our webmaster and we all need to extend a big 'Thank You' to John Landon, as he continues to act in the position as treasurer. My heart also feels the need to remember Al Kacsur. I missed him both in his illness and now since his passing and will continue to do so at every meeting that he is not a part of.

*"Wine from long habit has become an indispensable for my health."  
- Thomas Jefferson (I thought I said that)*

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Happy Holidays,

As I sit here prepared to write my last newsletter, it's with a great deal of pleasure that I'm going to be reporting a meeting that was absolutely exquisite. Peg and Art provided a beautiful day and deck. This in combination with Pennee's fabulous selection of Bordeaux wines. From start to finish the wines were everything I had hoped they would be. I'm sure Penny suffered greatly while doing all of the pre tasting that this meeting required and I applaud her for her sacrifice for the greater good of our group.

Number	Wine	Price	Votes
1	Chateau Prieure-Lichine Margaux	49.99	0
2	Amiral de Beychevelle Saint-Julien	24.99	7
3	Fugues de Nenin Pomerol (significant bottle variation was observed)	25.99	6
4	Chateau Grand Puy-Lacoste Pauillac	59.99	12
5	Chateau Haut-Beausejour Saint-Estephe	43.99	6
6	Chateau Plaisance Saint-Emilion	24.99	7

Our December Champagne Gala will be at the home of Richard and Carmine Blosveren. Please call them to **RSVP by Thursday, December 11th**. Remember to bring your very best dish for the table and we can kick off the holiday season in high style and great spirits. John Landon is busy as I write, laboring through dozens of sparkly wines so he can be sure to bring us yet another wonderful lineup.

Our wine basket fund raiser to benefit the Ham Mowbray Scholarship Fund has been a bigger success than last year! We have twenty member families participating this year. We will be drawing for five baskets of 5 wine bottles each, the Chesapeake Seafood basket Dean and I have donated and then, to top it off, Jennifer will be donating a HUGE bottle of fine Chianti that will be decked out in some of my dichroic jewelry. So, with seven great prizes (not to mention the plants Emily is regifting us with) your odds to win are one in three!

Remember that we will be paying our dues at December's meeting. So if you aren't going to be there, please mail a check to: **CCAWS, 17 Ridge Road, Westminster, MD. 21157**. Once the roster is updated near the end of January, it may not be amended until the following January. We're volunteers. We have lives, you know.

Please note that while my tenure as chairperson has expired, Dean will continue to function as WEBMASTER. Please forward any wine research, news or potential-member email addresses to him at hams1@adelphia.net.

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15-Aug	Evans		
19-Sep	Benzil	Benzil	
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*Here's to the corkscrew - a useful key to unlock the storehouse of wit, the treasury of laughter, the front door of fellowship, and the gate of pleasant folly.*  
- W.E.P. FRENCH

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