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January 4, 2005

From Barbara Brown—

If I were to sum up the Champagne tasting I would simply say, "What a lovely day - wonderful bubbly, food and conversation. What more could you ask for on a cold (or warm, for that matter) Sunday afternoon. This tasting is always an excellent way to end the year."

Thanks to John once again for coming up with great choices of champagne; thanks to Carmen and Richard for opening their lovely home; thanks to Becky for creating such beautiful baskets to be auctioned; and thanks to all those who gave so generously to the Ham Mowbray and Al Kacsur Memorial AWS Scholarship Fund. This chapter is truly blessed to have so many talented and giving people!

—Barb

From LeRoy Stewart—

I guess I drew the short straw! No, make that the *only* straw. Seriously, Folks... Most of you, I have discovered through perusal of records handed to me at the December Tasting, have served your time as the Chair of this august organization. I can do no less.

I cannot top what Barb has said about the December Tasting that John Landon moderated. Here are the particulars:

Champagne	Retail	Vote
1. Marques de Monistrol Reserva Rose Brut NV	6.99	9
2. Gloria Ferrer Blanc de Noirs NV	16.99	2
3. Roederer Estate Brut NV	19.99	1
4. De Meric Grande Reserve NV	34.99	2
5. Veuve Cliquot Brut NV	34.99	4
6. Veuve Cliquot Brut 1996	52.99	13
7. Veuve Cliquot La Grande Dame 1990	114.99	—

The first tasting of the new year will be January 16, 2005 at 2:00 PM at the Browns' with Walt Rachele serving as our able expositor upon everything Port. Please make your reservations at the Browns by calling them by January 12. Directions to their domicile are on the back.

The CCAWS 25th Anniversary Tasting will be at the Johnstons' in March. There is probably still time to come forth with suggestions for this momentous occasion.

We need house hosts and wine hosts for a third of the upcoming tastings in 2005. Consult the schedule below for the open dates.

Date	House	Wine Host	Topic
01/16	Brown	Rachele	Port
02/20	Pardoe	Fiola	Sherry
03/20	Johnston	Johnston	25 th Anniversary
04/17	Brown	Brown	?
05/15	Barbour	Eisberg	?
06/19	Wilson	Wilson	Flights of Fancy
07/17	?	?	?
08/21	?	?	?
09/18	?	?	?
10/16	?	?	?
11/20	Evans	Eisberg	?
12/18	Blosveren	Landon	Champagne

I'm looking forward to tasting good wine with all of you in 2005!



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February 9, 2005

Any Port in a storm? No, that's not really what we were about on an overcast Sunday in January, with snow clouds threatening. Walt Rachele, instead, treated us to an education with everything you always wanted to know about Porto. Starting with a test of our basic knowledge, we were guided through various types of port and expected flavors of each. Although there was not an overall 'winner' of style, we each came away with a personal favorite. And we learned the real use for a rooster after opening a 3L bottle of Gigondas from Walt's cellar for a warm-up. The wines presented in this *Porto 101 – Introduction to Ports*:

the Johnstons' coming in March.

The next tasting will be February 20, 2005 at 2:00 PM at the Pardoes' with Joe Fiola waxing eloquent about Sherry. Please reserve your spot at the Pardoes' home by calling them by February 16.



We will be publishing the membership list soon. We need up-to-date information on everyone. I'll be bothering you ere long, probably with a form.



	Vineyard	Type	Region	Vintage	Prices
1	Warres	White	Porto	NV	\$ 12.49
2	Barros	Ruby	Porto	NV	\$ 11.99
3	Barros	Tawny	Porto	NV	\$ 11.99
4	Graham's	10 YO Tawny	Porto	NV	\$ 31.99
5	Barros	Colheita	Porto	1988	\$ 49.99
6	Barros	LBV	Porto	1997	\$ 17.99
7	Rozes	Vintage	Porto	1994	\$ 79.00
Warmup—					
	Kluge Estate	Cru	VA	NV	\$ 50.00
3L	Domaine Raspail-Ay	Gigondas	France	1994	\$ 170.00

There were votes taken on the preferred libations among various groupings of Porto, but my notes and Walt's differ on this point, hence, the unadorned list above.

We wish to thank the Browns for the use of their home and their hospitality. As a result of this tasting and, I suspect, a generous donation by Pat and Walt, the next scholarship in the AWS Educational Fund is fully funded.



Some of you still owe dues for 2005. You know who you are! See John Landon with your \$10.



Don't forget to inform us of your ideas for the fast-approaching 25th Anniversary Tasting at

We need volunteers for wine presentations for the few remaining dates in this year's schedule. See the table below for the dates.

Date	House	Wine Host	Topic
02/20	Pardoe	Fiola	Sherry
03/20	Johnston	Johnston	25 th Anniversary
04/17	Brown	Brown	?
05/15	Barbour	Eisberg	Pinot Noir
06/19	?	?	?
07/17	Grillon	Everyone	PICNIC
08/21	?	?	?
09/11	?	?	?
09/17-18	MWF	Farm Museum	Maryland Wines
10/16	?	?	?
11/20	Evans	Eisberg	?
12/18	Blosveren	Landon	Champagne

See you at Pardoes' ...



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March 10, 2005

OK. There was a test! Joe Fiola discovered that not everyone knew everything about Sherry. We all got 100 % the second time around, however! Thanks, Joe for an enlightening presentation about Sherries. As you can see from the list below, three of the Sherries were of Joe's own making. Quite impressive, seeing as how one of them turned out to be a happy accident—something about a fermentation that didn't turn out as expected and somehow got lost in storage for a time only to resurface (or was that "flooded?") as Fiola #1 if memory serves! As you can also tell, the Fiola Sherries were priceless.

The favorite was the sweetest—#7.

	Sherry	Prices
1	Lustau Puerto Fino	\$ 17.99
2	Lustau Oloroso Almacenista	\$ 36.99
3	Lustau Los Arcos Dry Amontillado	\$ 15.99
4	Fiola #1 1995 Chardonnay	\$
5	Fiola #2	\$
6	Fiola #3	\$
* 7	Lustau San Emilio Pedro Ximenez	\$ 26.99 *
	Warmup—	
	Mar de Frades Albariño (not a Sherry!)	\$ 16.99

Thanks to the Pardoes for putting up with all of us at their lovely abode. Thanks, Nan, for taking notes.

DUES! Stragglers see John Landon with your \$10.

We will continue to update the membership list at the Johnstons'. Be sure to see me if any of your information has changed since the last update a year or two ago.

Please note the change of the June tasting to June 12.

The next tasting will be March 20, 2005 at 2:00 PM at the Johnstons'. The 25th Anniversary topic will be "Creams of the Crop," a sampling of wines that have been our favorites in past tastings. Please reserve your spot at the Johnstons' home by calling them... by March 16. Directions to the Johnstons' Copernica Vineyard are on the [paper copy]

We still need volunteers for wine presentations for the few remaining unfilled dates in this year's schedule. See the table below for the dates.

Date	House	Wine Host	Topic
03/20	Johnston	Johnston	25 th Anniversary
04/17	Brown	Brown	A Palette of Reds
05/15	Barbour	Eisberg	Pinot Noir
06/12	Eisberg	Slick	?
07/17	Grillon	Everyone	PICNIC
08/21	?	?	?
09/11	?	?	?
09/17-18	MWF	Farm Museum	Maryland Wines
10/16	?	Parker/Jamison	?
11/20	Evans	Eisberg	?
12/18	Blosveren	Landon	Champagne

See you at Copernica Vineyard...



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April 7, 2005

Excellent tasting! Jack and Emily outdid themselves with our 25th anniversary bash. After a bubbly toast to the chapter, Walt gave a “remember when” description of what took place 25 years ago—scary! Then Jack gave a brief history of how the chapter began (he and Emily have been holding on to all of those wonderful newsletters that have been written over the years) The wines were based on some of the best of the past (current vintages were used—couldn’t afford the old even if we could find them). What an undertaking! Hats off to both of them for their efforts on our behalf.

Barb Brown

The next tasting will be April 17, 2005 at 2:00 PM at the Browns'. The topic will be “A Palate of Reds.” Please reserve your spot at the Browns’ home by calling them [...] by April 13. Directions to the Browns’ home are on the [paper copy only]

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We have almost all tasting slots filled. See the table below for your opportunity to help out the group. Also, please check that my information is accurate where your name does or does not appear. I am missing topics from some of you. Chop, chop!

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Creams of the Crop

Order	Wine	Tasting Date	Vintage		Prices		Votes
			Then	Now	Then	Now	
Warmup	Snoqualmie Chenin Blanc	2/02	1999	2002	\$6.99	\$7.99	
Toast	Zardetto Proseco			NV		10.99	
1	Wyndham Estate Bin 555 Shiraz	3/88	1984	2002	5.99	8.99	8
2	Panther Creek Pinot Noir	2/89	1986	2002	17.99	29.99	3
3	Keenan Merlot 25th Anniversary	5/90	?	2001	13.99	29.99	11
4	Black Opal Cabernet Sauvignon	1/91	1987	2001	9.99	8.99	0
5	Ridge Lytton Springs Zinfandel	4/91	1988	2001	12.99	30.99	9
6	Ruffino Chianti Classico	4/92	1990	2002	8.99	19.99	10

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DUES! Stragglers see John Landon with your \$10.

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Everyone!! Please send me (LeRoy) an e-mail message from your e-mail address of record with a subject line of “CCAWS E-mail.” Only one per household membership, please. See top left of newsletter for my e-mail address. I seem to have lost the sheet we were passing around <grumble>!

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Date	House	Wine Host	Topic
04/17	Brown	Brown	A Palate of Reds
05/15	Barbour	Eisberg	Pinot Noir
06/12	Eisberg	Slick	?
07/17	Grillon	Everyone	PICNIC
08/21	?	?	?
09/11	Wilson	Wilson	?
09/17-18	MWF	Farm Museum	Maryland Wines
10/16	?	Parker/Jamison	?
11/20	Evans	Eisberg	?
12/18	Blosveren	Landon	Champagne

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May 5, 2005

Wow! Petite Sirah, anyone? Bill Brown gave us an excellent, thoughtful presentation of six Petite Sirahs, which somehow turned into seven! This was all introduced with a very Al Kacsur kind of warmup Shiraz at \$3.99. I suppose it was fitting that the parent (Shiraz/Syrah) introduce the child (Petite Sirah). As always, the accommodations at the Browns' were wonderful.



AWS-Logo T-Shirts—Emily says that, if she gets orders for at least 24, the cost per shirt will be \$14.50 for ladies' scoop-neck T, and \$12.90 for men's T. Add \$1.50 for a 2XL size in either case. These shirts are white, pre-shrunk, 100% cotton, and their sizes are pretty

Petite Sirah			
Order	Wine	Prices	Votes
Warmup	Purple Moon Shiraz 2003	\$ 3.99	
1	Guenoc North Coast Petite Sirah 2001	14.99	12
2	Guenoc Serpentine Meadow Petite Sirah 2000	31.99	3
3	Marietta California Petite Sirah 2001	17.99	1?
4	Stags' Leap Petite Sirah 2001	36.99	1
5	Concannon Central Coast Petite Sirah 2003	11.99	1
6	Earthquake Petite Sirah 2003	26.99	14
(7)	Vinum Petite Sirah 2003 [Thanks, Michael Bareford]	11.99	2

generous. And add the State tax, of course.

There were about 14 of you at the last meeting who said you wanted a shirt. We need to know if you still do, given this cost, which, of course, will be higher with fewer than 24. We're not going to try to make any money on these—just selling them at cost.

Send a message post haste to Emily at emily@carr.org with the size and style of each shirt you want.



Shameless Self Promotion—Don't forget that, after the tasting on May 15, the Masterworks Chorale of Carroll County will be presenting Henry Purcell's *Ode on St. Cecilia's Day* at 7:00 PM at McDaniel College.

The next tasting will be May 15, 2005 at 2:00 PM at the Barbour's. Bill Eisberg will be presenting "Pinot Noir/Red Burgundy." Please reserve your spot at the Barbour's home by calling them by May 11. Directions to the Barbour's home are on the back. FYI—Tasting price could go to \$18.



How about an overnight bus tour of Virginia wineries for the August tasting? The last time we had a bus tour of VA wineries we did not have enough time in one day to get to the many fine southern VA establishments. Let's talk!



Date	House	Wine Host	Topic
05/15	Barbour	Eisberg	Pinot Noir/Red Burgundy
06/12	Eisberg	Slick	Wild, Wonderful & Wacky Whites
07/17	Grillon	Everyone	PICNIC
08/21	?	?	?
09/11	Wilson	Wilson	?
09/17-18	MWF	Farm Museum	Maryland Wines
10/16	Barbour	Parker/Jamison	?
11/20	Evans	Eisberg	?
12/18	Blosveren	Landon	Champagne

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June 2, 2005

Business—There was some discussion regarding an “overnight” in August to do Virginia Vineyards. It was suggested that this year we go to the Virginia Wine Festival and take some time to plan for doing individual vineyards in 2006. Walt Rachele and Bill Eisberg will be working on this. Those interested in joining in the trip should contact them. More to follow.

The Tasting—It was a wonderful tasting. Bill Eisberg did an excellent job researching the wines. It was a blind tasting with a bit of a twist. We needed to identify the country and the vineyard of each wine. John Landon and John Jamison both won. They each scored 10 out of 12 possible points! I was impressed—this was not an easy task. Thanks to Gary

The next tasting will be June 12, 2005 at 2:00 PM at the Browns'. It will be outside, so bring your lawn chairs! Nan Slick will be presenting “Wild, Wonderful and Wacky Whites.” Please reserve your spot at the Browns' home by calling them by June 8. Directions to the Browns' home are on the back [of the paper version].

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Petite Sirah

Order	Wine	Prices	Votes
Warmup	Pepperwood Grove Pinot Noir	\$ 7.99	1
1	Domaine de Rochebin Bourgogne 2003	13.99	0
2	Domaine Machard de Gramont 2002, Nuits St. Georges	20.99	0
3	Fess Parker Pinot Noir 2002, Santa Barbara, California	16.99	3
4	David Bruce Pinot Noir 2002, Central Coast, California	22.99	11
5	Domaine Guy-Pierre Jean & Fils 2002, Bourgogne Hautes-Côtes de Nuits “Les Dames Huguettes”	21.99	0
6	Domaine Joseph Belland 2002, Santenay	32.99	2
7	Domaine Drouhin Pinot Noir 2001, Willamette, Oregon	39.99	14

Pavlis for some of the Bourgognes Thanks, too, to the Barbours for opening their home to us once again. The food was marvelous and the weather was great. What a great way to spend a Sunday. Good friends, wine and food. It can't get much better than that.

Barb Brown

P.S.—For those who fell in love with the cheese that Fred Seymour brought to the tasting, it was “Epoisses, Appellation d'origine, Berthaut.” It was so good!

Date	House	Wine Host	Topic
06/12	Brown	Slick	Wild, Wonderful & Wacky Whites
07/17	Grillon	Everyone	PICNIC
08/21	?	?	?
09/11	Wilson	Wilson	?
09/17-18	MWF	Farm Museum	Maryland Wines
10/16	Barbour	Parker/Jamison	?
11/20	Evans	Eisberg	?
12/18	Blosveren	Landon	Champagne

See you at the Browns'...

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LeRoy



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July 1, 2005

Business—For the August tasting we will be going to the Virginia Wine Festival on Saturday, August 21, 2005. Walt Rachele and Bill Eisberg are the leads for this. Those interested in joining in the trip should contact them ASAP. The cost will be ~\$50/ person. We will need ~\$20 of that for the bus up front and non-refundable. We should know more at the picnic.

The Tasting—Who knew white wine could be so complex! Nan started out with a bang with the winner—the Grüner Veltliner! What a grape!! These were all quite nice and very different. Thank you, Nan. Thanks also to the Browns for putting up with all of us in their home, yet again.

The CCAWS Annual Picnic will be July 17, 2005 at 2:00 PM at the Grillons'. Please reserve your spot at the Grillons' home by calling them by July 13. Directions to the Grillons' home are on the back [of the paper copy only.] Bring your family, lawn chairs, swim suits, tennis rackets, a bottle or two and a side dish to share and \$5.00/adult for burgers, dogs and condiments.



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Wild, Wacky, Wonderful Whites (or "Hello, Summer!")

Order	Wine		Prices	Votes
Warmup	Boordy Seyval/Vidal/Chardonnay 2004	[Maryland]	\$ 9.99	2
1	Huber Grüner Veltliner Hugo 2004	[Austria]	12.99	13
2	Lafazanis Roditis 2004	[Peloponnese, Greece]	10.99	0
3	Boutari Moschofilero 2003	[Peloponnese, Greece]	14.99	4
4	Marquis Philips Holly's Blend Verdelho	[Australia]	12.99	0
5	L'Ecole No. 41 Semillon 2003	[Washington State]	17.99	6
6	Jaillance Clairette de Die	[Rhone, France]	14.99	5

Welcome, to new member, Laura Leedy, introduced by John Landon.



Errata—(1) In the last newsletter we thanked the wrong Gary for the Bourgogne donations. Thanks are due Gary Griggs for those wines for the Pinot tasting! (2) The table of wines was mislabeled as "Petite Sirah." It was obviously "Pinot Noir!"



Date	House	Wine Host	Topic
07/17	Grillon	Everyone	PICNIC
08/21	VaWF	Virginia	Virginia Wines
09/11	Wilson	Wilson	?
09/17-18	MWF	Farm Museum	Maryland Wines
10/16	Barbour	Parker/Jamison	?
11/20	Evans	Eisberg	?
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August 9, 2005

The Picnic—What a good time at the Grillons'—some pretty good horseshoes, self-guided golf cart tours of the acreage, lots of fun swimming, good conversation, a few good drives off the tee, good food and good wine! Thanks again to the Grillons for hosting yet another wonderful CCAWS picnic!!



Maryland Wine Festival Volunteers—Emily has sent out materials for signing up to volunteer to help with the CCAWS Wine Tasting Seminars at the Maryland Wine Festival September 17 & 18. Send e-mail to her at emily@carr.org if you did not receive a packet from her and would like to help.



Montrachet Tasting Advance Warning—Expect the Montrachet tasting at Wilsons' to approach \$25. Attendance will also be limited.



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The August Tasting is the Virginia Wine Festival trip on Sunday, August 21, 2005. We will be leaving from the northeast corner (right front) of Target's parking lot (Malcolm Drive & N. Center Street) at 9:00 AM. We will be returning at 7:00 PM. We will have plenty of bottled water, some snacks and wine. Lawn chairs might be useful. We are near capacity! Laggards, \$50 to John ASAP!



Date	House	Wine Host	Topic
08/21	VaWF	Virginia	Virginia Wines
09/11	Wilson	Wilson	Montrachet
09/17-18	MWF	Farm Museum	Maryland Wines
10/16	Barbour	Parker/Jamison	Italian B & B
11/20	Evans	Eisberg	?
12/18	Blosveren	Landon	Champagne

See you at Target...



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The Virginia Wine Festival—We had a full bus for our day trip to the Virginia Wine Festival! Some interesting wines—some very good wines. A very, very hot day!—trees would have been nice. Everyone had a good time. Thanks to Cranberry Liquors for the various, cold bubbies and to College Square Liquors for the cold white.

Comments from our Travelers—“As far as I'm concerned Virginia is the ‘Show me state’. I wanted the state to show good wine and they did. Step aside wine snobs and give the East Coast a chance.”—*Betty Kreder*

“Fine wine in the sweltering heat. Or is it sweltering wine in the fine heat? Excellent time and good company.”—*Michael Barbour*

“We spent a couple of pleasant hours trying to escape the heat with [other] inmates of the cool down tent.”—*Joan Brunett*

“I am glad I did it, but it will not be a ‘must go’ on my calendar. I am surprised that they had as many good red wines as they did, but the day and environment was not to their advantage”—*Mary Evans*

“My experience with the heat made me wish for Fall.”—*Barry Brunett*

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The next wine tasting will be at Becky and Dean Wilson's on Sunday, September 11th at 2:00 pm. The Wilsons will be presenting Montrachets. These are costly wines making for a costly tasting (\$25.00 per person). Please call them if you would like to attend. Call early as the number of persons will be limited due to space. You may want to bring your own glasses for this tasting. The club glasses will be available, but some wines deserve better.

...Becky



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Date	House	Wine Host	Topic
09/11	Wilson	Wilson	Montrachet
09/17-18	MWF	Farm Museum	Maryland Wines
10/16	Barbour	Parker/Jamison	Italian B & B
11/20	Evans	Eisberg	?
12/18	Blosveren	Landon	Champagne

See you at the Wilsons'...





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October 8, 2005—

What wonderful Montrachets we tasted at the Wilsons'! These white Burgundies were introduced to us with flair by Becky and Dean Wilson. Becky determined the order of tasting differently after tasting through them—in her words: “When the wine talks, I listen.” The day was beautiful! The outdoor setting was perfect! The presentation was well-researched and informative!



National Tasting Project—Though the National Project is past, Walt wants to do it anyway! Anyone interested in participating should call him for particulars.



The next wine tasting will be at the home of Susann and Michael Barbour on Sunday, October 16th at 2:00 pm. Penee Parker and John Jamison will be presenting Italian B & B's—that would be big Italian reds that start with 'B'. Expect the cost for this tasting to be \$20.00 per person. Please call the Barbours if you would like to attend.

Montrachet			
Order	Wine	Prices	Votes
Warmup	Les Vins du Moulin Bourgone Blanc	\$ 11.99	—
Puligny-Montrachet			
1	Domaine Machard de Gramont 2003 “Les Houillères”	52.99	3
2	Domaine J. M. Boillot 2003 Premier Cru “Les Referts”	77.99	7
3	Domaine du Duc de Magenta, Louis Jadot 2002, Clos de La Garenne	55.99	10
Chassagne-Montrachet			
4	Domaine Bernard Morey et Fils 2003 Vieilles Vignes	51.99	3
5	Domaine Bernard Morey et Fils 2003 Premier Cru Morgeot	63.99	8
6	Joseph Drouhin Red 2002	23.99	—

AWS Educational Fund Baskets—Becky and Dean, once again, are putting together baskets of wine and other goodies benefiting the AWS Educational Fund that provides scholarships for aspiring young oenologists. The drawing for the baskets will occur at the December Champagne Gala. To participate, bring a check made out to the AWSEF for an amount \geq \$25 and a bottle of wine (value \geq \$10) to the November tasting. This effort is honoring the memory of Joe and Nattie Wood.



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Date	House	Wine Host	Topic
10/16	Barbour	Parker/Jamison	Italian B & B
11/20	Evans	Eisberg	?
12/18	Blosveren	Landon	Champagne
01/16			
02/20	Grillon		

See you at the Barbours'...



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November 12, 2005—

(Phone numbers have been removed for web security)

Ah-h-h! Great Italian Reds!! Penee and John helped us through some very nice Barolo, Brunello, Barbaresco, Barbera, Brachetto and B'Gavi(?!). Thanks guys.! Oh, and that bottle variation we all argued about in the Brunello—didn't happen. The bottles were mixed *before* pouring! Also, thanks to the Barbours for puttin' up with us.



December Tasting Correction—*Please note that the Champagne tasting at the Blosveren's is December 11!!*



The next wine tasting will be at the home of Mary and Mike Evans on Sunday, November 20th at 2:00 pm. Bill Eisberg will be presenting Spanish Reds. Please call the Evanses if you would like to attend.

Date	House	Wine Host	Topic
11/20	Evans	Eisberg	Spanish Reds
12/11	Blosveren	Landon	Champagne
01/16	Brown	Rachele	Any but Porto

Italian B & B's

Order	Wine	Prices	Votes
Warmup	2004 Morando 1880 B'Gavi	\$ 6.99	—
1	2002 Bruno Giacosa Barbera d'Alba	23.99	3
2	2001 Contratto Panta Rei Barbera D'Asti	22.99	10
3	1995 Cerette Bricco Asili Barbaresco Faset	89.99	0
4	1995 Brezza Barolo Sarmassa	53.99	7
5	1993 Casisano Brunello di Montalcino	31.99	7
6	NV Camo Verde Brachetto d'Aqui	15.99	0

National Tasting Project—Anyone interested in participating should call Walt for particulars.



AWS Educational Fund Baskets—Becky and Dean, once again, are putting together baskets of wine and other goodies benefiting the AWS Educational Fund that provides scholarships for aspiring young oenologists. The drawing for the baskets will occur at the December Champagne Gala. To participate, bring a check made out to the AWSEF for an amount \geq \$25 and a bottle of wine (value \geq \$10) to the November tasting. This effort is honoring the memory of Joe and Nattie Wood.



AWS-Logo T-Shirts—*Send a message to Emily at emily@carr.org with the size and style of each shirt you want (\$14.50 for ladies' scoop-neck T, and \$12.90 for men's T. Add \$1.50 for a 2XL size).*

02/20	Grillon	Stewart	Wine for Lovers
03/19	Johnston	Johnston	???
04/16	Brown	Wilson	Rich or Pour?
05/21			
06/18			
07/16			
08/20			
09/17	Fam Mus	MWF??	MWF??
10/15		Parker	???
11/19			
12/17	Blosveren	Landon	Champagne

See you at the Evans'...



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December 2, 2005—

Luscious Spanish Reds! Thanks to Bill Eisberg for an informative presentation. Bill thanked Nan Slick and Betty Kreder of Cranberry Liquors—as do we all—for selecting the wines for the tasting. He claimed no credit at all for this eclectic mélange of Spanish wines. Thanks also to Michael Bareford of College Square Liquors for the Mas Donís at the end. Thanks (I think I need to find another word!) also to the Evans for tolerating all of us at their lovely abode and for the holiday fare.



CCAWS Dues are due!—Your \$10 for CCAWS membership for 2006 is due at the December meet-

The Annual Champagne Extravaganza will be at the home of Carmen and Richard Blossveren on Sunday, December 11th at 2:00 pm. John Landon will be presenting various and sundry sparklers for your delectation! Expect a cost of \$20/person + \$10/household for 2006 CCAWS dues. Please call the Blossverens if you would like to attend.

Spanish Reds

Order	Wine	Prices	Votes
Warmup	2004 Vinos Pinol Ludovicus	\$ 11	—
1	2002 Casa Castillo Monastrell	12	4
2	2003 Baltasar Tempranillo	10	9
3	2003 Torres Atrium Merlot	14	0
4	2003 Los Planos Syrah	10	3
5	2001 Torres Gran Coronas Cabernet Sauvignon	19	5
6	2003 Celeste by Torres	24	7

ing. Please, pay John Landon at the tasting along with the tasting fee. Your AWS membership dues of \$52 for 2006 are also due (Visit www.americanwinesociety.org/Membership.aspx for details).



National Tasting Project—Anyone interested in participating should call Walt for particulars.



AWS Educational Fund Baskets honoring the memory of Joe and Nattie Wood—Becky will conduct the drawing for the baskets of wine and other goodies benefiting the AWS Educational Fund, which provides scholarships for aspiring young oenologists, at the December Champagne Gala.



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05/21		Slick	???
06/18	Pardoe		
07/16	Grillon	Everyone	Annual Picnic
08/20			
09/10			
9/16,17	Farm Mus.	MWF	MWF
10/15		Parker	???
11/19	Evans		
12/10/06	Blossveren	Landon	Champagne



“Wine is sunlight, held together by water.”

—Galileo Galilei (1564–1642)

See you at the Blossverens’..