

January 4, 2016



To: CCAWS Members
From: Ron Riley, Chapter Chair

Hi Everyone..

Hope it's been a wonderful Holiday Season, especially the almost Springlike December while much of the nation was feeling negative effects of El Niño.

Well, another year has arrived and here we go with a dozen more exciting social and educational tastings for CCAWS lined up for members to enjoy. We begin Sunday January 17th with insights into Washington State wines – 2nd in US wine grape production just behind California. The tasting will be held at the Eldersburg home of Eileen and Richard Sien. They are on the corner and suggest best parking will be on the street alongside their home. Our presenter will be Michael Sien who has had a 30 year career in the restaurant industry which has taken him to a number of top spots including Bryan Voltaggio's VOLT in Frederick - all of which afforded him many opportunities to learn and share experiences with some of the Mid Atlantic's top Sommeliers. Please RSVP to Eileen by Thursday Jan 14th.

Don't forget "bring an appetizer/tasty entrée or dessert to share

As always the Holiday Champagne blast didn't disappoint us! Wow! Thanks to Corynne hosting, Mr. Landon for presenting and Mike from College Square for providing the bubbles for what turned out to be a record crowd of "Merry Makers". And, special thanks to all who made contributions to the AWSEF and bid on the raffle baskets. Good news from Walt Rachelle is that we collected enough to fund another Scholarship in 2016 – our Chapter's 6th since 2004. And an additional shout out to Pat Valas for adding some extra bucks to push us over the top! This Scholarship will be named in honor of Becky and Dean Wilson. Becky was in the forefront of our annual basket fundraising activity and of course Dean has been our Webmaster since the Web was invented.

DECEMBER CHAMPAIGN:

(Warm Up) Aubert et Fils Brut NV - Epernay CH/PN/PM - \$25
Canard-Duchêne Brut Rose' NV- Ludes 45%PN/30%CH/23%PM - \$50
Collon Brut NV - Landreville 40%PN/40%PM/20%CH - \$50
Delamotte Blanc de Blancs - Le Mesnit-Sur Oger 100%CH \$63
Duval Leroy Brut NV - Vertus More PN than CH \$63
Jacquesson Cuvee No. 735 - Dizy 47%CH 33%PN/20%PM \$80

LaurentPerrierDemiSec NV ToursSurMarne45% CH/35%PN/20%PM \$50

NEWS & NOTES:

-Congratulations to Holiday Wine Basket Winners as drawn by Barb Brown:
Frank & Dori Batavick/ Mark & Janine Wilson (it's all yours Janine;-) Bill & Jill Hudock, Peggy Payne/Rob & Doreen Nestorick/Corynne Courpas
Silent Auction winners: John Jamison won Becky's great Winemaker's Basket and Pat Valas outbid the others for the Phantom Double Mag.

COMING UP:

February 21 Grillions Taneytown - Robt Horrocks Presenting
March 20 Johnstons -Annual Business Meeting/Tasting TBD
April 17 Breedings -TBD
May 15 Prevostos - Hampstead TBD

MEMBER WINE DISCOUNTS: College Square & Cranberry in Westminster, MainStreet Liquors, Hampstead, Total Discount, Eldersburg-Have AWS Membership card handy Serpent Ridge offers discounts for wine sales and tastings to members.

February - 2016



To: CCAWS Members
From: Ron Riley, Chapter Chair

Hi Everyone,

As we move into February our hopes are that January's "big storm" is the worse we'll get this season—a cautiously optimistic statement made with absolutely no research to back it! Thankfully, we are now at least making that slow upward climb to Spring which officially arrives on Sunday March 20th.

Coming up at 2PM Sunday February 21st we'll be going to George and Jackie Grillion's country home near Taneytown. The theme set up – thanks to the innovative Robert Horrocks - will be "90 Point Wines For Under \$20" and presented by Sarah Walsh of The Country Vintner "importer/distributor of fine wines." Discussion will be on point system and how it's applied and of course enjoyment of some quality reasonable wines. Sarah's husband is Winemaker at Sunset Hills Vinyard in Loudoun County VA. Please RSVP by Thursday Feb 18th. Jackie prefers you do so by email only so she can keep better track of the response.

Please bring an appetizer/tasty entrée or dessert to share and, of course our on-going reminder not to wear perfumes or colognes as it affects the tasting.

Thanks so much to Eileen and Richard Sien for kicking off our 2016 wine tasting schedule at their Eldersburg home on January 17th – fortunately several days before the blizzard! And kudos to Michael Sien for a fine presentation of a variety of very drinkable Red and White Washington State Wines. It was a great learning and tasting experience. And thanks as well to Mike at College Square for his help.

WE TASTED

Warm Up: N/V Domaine Ste. Michelle Michelle Brut \$18
2014 Charles Smith Kung Fu Girl Riesling Columbia Valley \$14 *White Winner*
2011 Desert Wind Viogner Wahluke Slope, Columbia Valley \$21
2014 Chateau Ste. Michelle, Indian Wells Chardonnay Columbia Valley \$18
2014 WildHaven Untamed Red Blend Columbia Valley \$15
2011 Waterbrook Reserve Merlot Walla Walla Columbia Valley \$26 *Red Winner*
2009 Roza Ridge Malbec Rattlesnake Hills, Zillah \$24

NEWS & NOTES:

If you are considering joining our parent organization AWS or renewing your membership now is the time. The deadline is February 29th and there is a 15% discount being offered through that time if you take the 3 year option. Call 888 297-9070 or online www.americanwinesociety.org Annual cost \$62 household (two people/same address) or \$49 for individual membership.

Always a good source of info our website ccaws.net and while you're there click on the link which will enable your ccaws schedules to your mobile device. Thanks webmaster Dean Wilson for the frequent updates!

Our Chapter will make a donation on behalf of CCAWS members to Carroll Hospice Center in the name of Nancy Slick's Mom who passed away.

COMING UP:

March 20 Johnston -Annual Business Meeting/Jack presents Argentine wines
April 17 Breeding-TBD
May 15 Prevosto TBD
June 12 Riley–AWS National Tasting Project Rhone Wines/w Pat Valas
(note this is 1 week earlier then usual as Father's Day is the 19th)

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March - 2016

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To: CCAWS Members
From: Ron Riley, Chapter Chair

Hi Everyone,

This is the month that (finally) bridges us from Winter to Spring, but as a transitional month as you know we can run a gamut of weather “types”. You may recall that last March we had to change to the following Sunday at short notice because of snow conditions.

Let's hope that this year's tasting on March 20th at Johnston's is kinder-after all it's the First Day of Spring (Equinox arrives 12:30am EDT.) Jack will be presenting some exciting wines from Argentina, the 5th largest Wine producer on the planet Except for “Opener Warm-Up”, the Wines will be Red. Sounds great. Jack and Emily would prefer you RSVP by email. **If you're able to attend the annual “Business Meeting” it begins around 1:30 – the casting, as usual, is at 2PM.** *Please bring an appetizer/tasty entrée or dessert to share and, of course, our on-going reminder not to wear perfumes or colognes as it affects the tasting. As it's just a few days after St. Patricks, Emily has suggested we all wear something Green -*

Thanks to Jackie & George Grillon for hosting another splendid event at their farm. Sarah Walsh of Country Vintners Distributors gave an upbeat informative wine presentation along with some new insights into the Robert Parker Point system all of which generated allot of member participation. Featured were inexpensive very tasty wines from EU and SA. Kudos also to Robert Horricks for choosing the theme “90 Point Wines For Under \$20” and inviting Sara and her Husband Nate who is the Winemaker at Sunset Hills Vineyard in Purcelville Western Loudoun County VA. www.sunsethillsvineyard.com

WE TASTED

Warm Up: Paul Cluver Sauvignon Blanc (South Africa) 2015 - \$15
Pazo de Senorans Albarino (Spain) 2014 - \$20
Zuccardi Serie A Malbec (Argentina) 2014 \$14
Domaine Lafage Bastide Miraflores (France) 2013 - \$17
Argoias Costera Cannonau Di Sardegna (Sardinia Is. Italy) \$17 WINNER
Terranoble Gran Reserva Carmenere (Chile) 2011 \$16

NEWS & NOTES:

Forgive me for confusing the June AWS National Tasting Project (NTP) dates. We have returned it to its originally schedule on Sunday June 19th.

The AWS has given us 2 tiers of wines to choose for the NTP – expensive and the lower tier, inexpensive. The decision of the membership group at the last tasting was to mix both tiers creating a tasting that is approximately \$20-\$25 p/person

COMING UP:

April 17th Joe & Lynn Breeding- topic will be "Hidden Treasures"
May 15th Steve & Theresa Prevosto w/ Nan Slick TBD
June 19th Linda & Ron Riley–AWS National Tasting "Rhone Ranger"/w Pat Valas
July 17th George & Jackie Grillon–CCAWS Annual Cook Out/Pool Party!
Aug 21st Jerry & Dorothy Hampton - TBD
Sep 18th Peter & Simone Haslauer – TBD
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April - 2016



To: CCAWS Members
From: Ron Riley, Chapter Chair

Hi Everyone,

Although there are some days that doesn't feel like the Spring, we are definitely seeing that Sun transition to higher latitudes incrementally bringing in milder temperatures and a minute or two more daily daylight. So it's on to April showers, flowers and Sunshine as we move to Joe and Lynn Breeding's idyllic rural home (off 32 just above the 91 intersection near Gamber VFD)

Their wine tasting themed "Hidden Treasures" will be an eye opener. Try to respond by Thursday April 14th. "The sooner the better" as we always say. Look forward to seeing you!!

Please bring an appetizer/tasty entrée or dessert to share and, of course, our on-going reminder not to wear perfumes or colognes as it affects the tasting.

Many thanks to Jack and Emily Johnston for house-hosting in March – always a pleasure to see their spacious grounds and vineyard. I'm certain we can agree that Jack's presentation turned many on to some great drinking wines at amazingly low prices from the fantastic wine country of Argentina.

WE TASTED

Warm Up: Legado Torrontes 2013 - \$13 (the only white wine)

Maibe Malbec 2013 \$11

Trumpeter Malbec 2013 - \$13

Maibe Bonarda 2013 - \$16

Los Maza Bonarda 2014 - \$10

Cruz Alta Bonarda 2013 - \$12

Nuna Bonarda 2012 - \$16 WINNER!!

NEWS & NOTES:

-John Landon, our "Treasurer for Life", reported at the March meeting that CCAWS is "in the black" but didn't have the last bank statement yet – some problems with his Off-Shore bank account I think ;-)

-We will continue trying to keep costs at \$20-\$25 p/p at the tastings unless the Wine Host states in the Newsletter that it could be higher (ie: our Bubbly Holiday)

-Hope to have some May-June dates soon to get a concencious for a possible afternoon/evening at Old Westminster Winery..

-Reminder: Membership in AWS is a must for at least one household member if members are going to House Host because of the Insurance coverage

-The Breedings have indicated that it's time to let someone else fill their slot next year so if anyone would like to House Host April 2017 let me know.

-Please join me in welcoming our newest CCAWS member Marion Ware who, apart from sharing our enthusiasm for wine education, is also Executive Director for the highly successful Community Media Center for the County.

COMING UP:

May 15th Steve & Theresa Prevosto w/ Nan Slick "What's In a Name"

June 19th Linda & Ron Riley-AWS National Tasting "Rhone Rangers"/w Pat Valas

July 17th Grillions- the CCAWS Annual family & friends Cook Out/Pool Party!

Aug 21st Jerry & Dorothy Hampton - TBD

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May - 2016



To: CCAWS Members
From: Ron Riley, Chapter Chair

Hi Everyone,

The calendar pages just seem to be flying by! Here we are in May and ready for another super monthly tasting. This time we'll be at the Hampstead hillside home of Steve and Theresa Prevosto Sunday May 15th. Presiding over the presentation will be "Wine Wonder Woman" Nancy Slick with an intriguing format entitled "What's In A Name?" Be sure to RSVP to the Prevosto's by May 12th.

Please bring an appetizer/tasty entrée or dessert to share and, of course, our on-going reminder not to wear perfumes or colognes as it affects the tasting

Thanks to Lynn and Joe Breeding for an awesome April tasting. What a great way to end a wonderful 6 year tenure of wonderful House Hosting and Wine presentations. As I mentioned last month they are going to take a break so the April 2017 house hosting is up for grabs! I've already received some interest from members about it but no commitments yet.

WE TASTED

Anton Bauer Wagram Austrian Rosé	\$12	WINNER WHITE
Domaine du Gros Noré Bandoil Blanc 2014	\$34	
Kiralyudvar Tokaji Furmint Sec 2010	\$23	
Giornata Nebbiolo 2013	\$55	
Vino de Parcela El Ciruelo Lilstan Negro 2012	\$46	
Villa de Corullon Bierzo Memcia 2008	\$40	WINNER RED
Domaine Derthet Capeau Elixir des Papes 2013-		
Chateauneuf-du-Pape	\$42	

NEWS & NOTES:

Last Month we talked about a great idea to raise a few dollrs for the AWS Education Scholarship Fund cooked up by Nan Slick and Michele Sadler. They will handmade individual personalized Wine Glass Charms with your first name in beads that can be reused over and over.(as long as you don't lose it) Cost is a \$5 donation per charm with profits going to the AWSESF. See Nan or Michelle at the tastings or email them.

-We continue trying to keep per costs at \$20-\$30 p/p at the tastings unless the Wine Host states in the Newsletter that it could be higher (ie: our Bubbly Holiday)

Forty people be attending our Old Westminster Winery "field trip" on Thursday May 26th – that was their legal limit – It's still a couple of weeks away, so anyone that missed but wants to be listed, please let me know – right now I have 4 members and 2 guests on the "standby list"

-Membership in AWS is a must for at least one household member if members are going to House Host because of the liability Insurance coverage.

COMING UP:

June 19th Linda & Ron Riley–AWS National Tasting "Rhone Rangers"

Wine Host Pat Valas

July 17th Grillions–the CCAWS Annual family & friends Cook Out/Pool Party!

It's on us – just bring wine.

Aug 21st Jerry & Dorothy Hampton - TBD

Sep 18th Peter & Simone Hauslauer – TBD

Oct 16th Charles & Roseanne Hedges - TBD

Nov 20th Bill & Michelle Sadler -TBD

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June 2016

To: CCAWS Members
From: Ron Riley, Chapter Chair

Hi Everyone,

Here we go again! It's the AWS's NATIONAL TASTING PROJECT on the June horizon, and it promises to be a good one with Pat Valas presenting a unique mix of 9 (yes, 9!!) Wines in the line-up from the **Rhône Rangers**. Plus Pat has chosen what she terms "an interesting Warm Up" and "a surprise Cool Down" to finish while results are revealed. Linda and I will be pleased to again welcome everyone to our home on Father's Day, June 19th starting promptly at 2PM. (well, it's sometimes prompt.) Please RSVP by Thursday June 16th.

FYI: AWS has given all 130 US chapters 2 tiers of great wines to select from. Pat has thoughtfully chosen from each tier. Per Person price will be a bit above normal - \$30 to \$35 - depending on the number of attendees and the number of bottles opened. Having said that, please keep in mind that there are 11 wines involved - several more than usual. According to AWS standards this will be a blind tasting. Scoring by members will be done using AWS standards and collected for tabulation and submission to the NTP committee. As always please bring an appetizer/tasty entrée or dessert to share and, of course, our on-going reminder not to wear perfumes or colognes as it affects the tasting

Our May tasting at Prevosto's was fantastic. Kudos to Steven and Theresa for sharing their lovely historic home and to Nancy Slick who did a bang-up performance educating us on the "many faces of Chenin Blanc!" Well done guys!

WE TASTED

WarmUp Bougrier Sparkling Vouvray Brut NV	\$20	
LeHaut Vignot d'Anjou 2013 Rosé	\$12	
Mulderbosch Steen 2011	\$14	WHITE WINE WINNER
Graziano DryChenin Blanc 2013	\$15	
Domaine de La Begude Rosé 2015 (blend)	\$24	
Cline Ancient Vines Mourvèdre 2013	\$18	RED WINE WINNER
Tarima Hill Estate Old Vine Monastrell 2013	\$17	

NEWS & NOTES:

-Judging by member comments the Old Westminster Winery Tour & was a HIT for the 40-some attendees. Thanks again to OWW, the Baker family for making it happen-especially Drew and Lisa for sharing their insights and introducing us to a wonderful array of wines -and a special thank you to our Becky Wilson for preping the great array of appetizers we eagerly consumed.

-Webmaster Dean tells us that Becky's recipes are posted at CCAWS.net Look for a link in the Left Margin. Visitors will always be able to find them permanently on the RECIPES page using the button at the top of the page.-Also, should anyone have photos send the files to the [CCAWS DROPBOX](#) folder or email links.

-A Shout Out to new CCAWS members, Ken Green and Tracey Kennedy of Westminster and Richard and Cyndi Meneses of Hanover PA – Welcome!

-Reminder: \$5 will get you a handmade personalized Wine Glass Charm with your first name in beads. Profits going to the AWSEF. See Nan at the tastings or email the Secretary to order.

COMING UP:

July 17th Grillions–Annual CCAWS Family & Friends Cook Out/Pool Party! Burgers/Hot Dogs on us! Please bring wine, a dish to share and chairs.

Aug 21st Jerry & Dorothy Hampton - TBD

Sep 18th Peter & Simone Haslauer – TBD

Oct 16th Charles & Roseanne Hedges - TBD

Nov 20th Bill & Michelle Sadler -TBD

Dec 11th Corynne Courpas/John Landon– Holiday Champagne Extravaganza

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July 2016

To: Members Carroll County Chapter American Wine Society
 From: Ron Riley Chapter Chair

Hi Everyone:

July, and time for the Annual CCAWS Cookout and Pool Party! A Summertime favorite which again will take place at the country home of George and Jackie Grillon in Northern Carroll, and open to members, their families and guests. Remember it's not a tasting – no format -no fees! CCAWS provides the hamburgers, hots dogs and even some veggie burgers. Just bring a tasty dish or dessert and some wine to share. If you plan in using the pool, don't forget the swim gear! Because (weather permitting) we'll be around the pool, the Grillon's will provide plastic glasses. It's not mandatory, but if you'd like to bring your own plastic glasses, that's fine and maybe a fold up chair or two.

The date: Sunday July 17th. Jackie prefers that you RSVP by email or just click on **RSVP HERE** at www.ccaws.net. Please respond by Thursday July 14th – as usual “the sooner the better” as an accurate head count is important to purchasing the right amount of dogs and burgers.

Thanks to everyone who attended the June AWS National Tasting Project (NTP) at our home in Woodbine. Positive feed-back from the crowd as Pat Valas gave a first class presentation educating us on some excellent wines from the “Rhone Rangers”

WE TASTED:

WHITE WINE

<i>WARM UP</i> Reserva de la Dame A L'Oiseau 2014 Cotes du Rhone	\$12
Kita Taya 2014 Santa Ynez Valley CA	\$22
Cass Wineries Rockin' One 2013 Paso Robles CA WINNER (all 3 were close)	\$32

REDS

Horton Cotes d'Orange 2014 Orange County VA nr Charlottesville	\$15
Pax Syrah Castelli-Knight Ranch 2011 Russian River	\$64
Summerwood GSM 2013 Paso Robles CA	\$40
Anglim Cerise 2012 Paso Robles CA	\$28
Kukkula Astto 2013 Paso Robles CA	\$40
Derby Fifteen 10 Red 2010 Paso Robles CA	\$28 WINNER
Tablas Creek Patelin de Tablas 2013 Paso Robles CA	\$20
<i>COOL DOWN:</i> Cashmere 2014 Sonoma CA	\$12

NEWS AND NOTES

NTP Results from Nationwide AWS Chapters will be announced just before the National Convention.

As previously mentioned Joe and Lynn Breeding are taking hiatus from House Hosting after several years of some very successful presentations – and although we'll miss them I'm pleased to welcome back Anne and John Carr who have elected to pick up the April 2017 tasting date.

COMING UP:

August 21 Jerry and Dorothy Hampton - NBC: Nothing But Cabernet Sauvignon. Concept: Do a blind tasting of one or two Cabs from different regions around the world, then have people try to ascertain which regions they come from.

September 17-18th Maryland Wine Festival Westminster

September 18th, Peter and Simone Haslauer TBD

October 16th Charles and Roseanne Hedges, Tracy/Chris/Mike/Meggan once again present wine/food pairings

November 3rd-5th 2016 AWS National Conference Costa Mesa, Orange County CA

November 20th Bill and Michelle Sadler - TBD

December 11th Holiday Champaign Party - Corynne Courpas with John Landon

Membership in AWS is highly encouraged – and imperative if you are a house host for insurance reasons. Cost is \$62 annually for 2 household members/\$49 for one - via website americanwinesociety.org or at 888-297-9070. Annual membership dues for CCAWS remains at just \$10 per family.

CCAWS.net is our website for ongoing info – click the “Mobile Schedule-One Tab Button” app giving easy access to CCAWS on your mobile device.

MEMBER WINE DISCOUNTS: College Square and Cranberry in Westminster, Main Street Liquors in Hampstead and Total Discount in Eldersburg.



CCAWS NEWSLETTER

August 2016

To: Members - Carroll County Chapter American Wine Society
From: Ron Riley, Chair

Hi Everyone:

Just a short Newsletter this month since we didn't have an actual wine tasting event in July but rather the annual good time pool party at Jackie and George Grillon's. Thanks to them for allowing our "merry band of wine affectionados" to roam the estate and enjoy the wine, food, pool and commiserate under the sun umbrellas. A perfect day!

Coming up this month we visit Jerry and Dorothy Hampton. As in the past, it will be another wine learning adventure and good camaraderie as Jerry presents NBC - Nothing But Cabernet Sauvignon – just about everyone's perennial favorite. The plan is to do a blind tasting of one or two cabs from various areas of the planet and then have members try to ascertain which regions they come from. Are you up for the challenge? The Date is Sunday August 21st at 2PM. Please RSVP the Hamptons – email only - by Thursday the 18th (the sooner the better) Should be fun - Looking forward to it! Please be sure to bring an appetizer/entree/dessert to share. And a reminder not to wear perfumes, etc., as it inhibits the wine tasting process! Thanks.

NEWS AND NOTES

-Congrats to *Carroll's Old Westminster Winery* on winning the award "Best In Class" with their Greenstone, Third Edition and "Best In Show" for their Malbec 2014 in the Statewide 2016 COMPTROLLERS CUP COMPETITION!

-The Maryland Wineries Association is looking for volunteers for the Maryland Wine Festival Premier Tent. Interested? Contact Callie Pfeiffer, Marketing Coordinator at MWA callile@growandfortify.com 410 252-9463 x107

-Nationwide National Tasting Project results from over 130 AWS Chapters will be announced just before the AWS National Convention in November and on-line

-Should you be considering joining the American Wine Society, dues right now for individuals or family is just \$35. Membership lasts through December 31st 2016.

COMING UP:

September 17-18th Maryland Wine Festival Westminster

September 18th, Peter and Simone Haslauer TBD at any moment! Alles gut!

October 16th Charles and Roseanne Hedges with Chris/Tracy/Mike/Meggan again presenting the "Wonderful World Of Food And Wine Pairings." Last year was awesome- they said they'd never attempt it again - but "they're baaaaaack!

November 3rd-5th 2016 AWS National Conference Costa Mesa, Orange County CA

November 20th Bill and Michelle Sadler - TBD

December 11th Holiday Champagne Extravaganza Party - Corynne Courpas house hosts John Landon sorts out bubbles

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CCAWS NEWSLETTER

September 2016

To: Members - Carroll County Chapter American Wine Society
From: Ron Riley, Chair

Hi Everyone:

With Autumn around the corner looks like we'll get in one more tasting for Summer 2016 The date: Sunday September 18th at the Haslauer's. The topic is

"Treasure of the Nibelungs: R(h)ein Wein, Red and White."

Sounds like fun! Presenting will be the team of Lee Stewart and Simone Haslauer with Peter, no doubt, handling the AV. Start time 2PM (or thereabouts:-)

Please RSVP by Thursday the 15th - email only to Simone via the [website](#). Should anyone be unable to email, call me and I'll get you on the list. Please don't forget bring an entree/salad/or dessert to share and as always, the wearing of colognes and perfumes is discouraged for all tastings. Still some wines to add but as of this writing the costs may reach or exceed \$25 per person.

Not surprisingly, I've heard from several members that Jerry and Dorothy Hampton's NBC Nothing But Cabernet was a big hit.. Thanks Jerry for a creative tasting and also to the intrepid Mr Landon for chairing on my behalf and kudos to Nancy who provided her usual great notes. Wish we could have attended, but family matters took us out of town.

WE TASTED

WARM UP Mulderbosch Cabernet Rose' 2010 South Africa \$11
Cygnus Copernica Vineyards 2012 Manchester MD \$18
Trapiche Broquel 2012 Mendoza Argentina \$16
Mollydooker The Maitre D McLaren 2014 Vale South Australia \$30 **WINNER**
Field Stone Estate Wally 's Block 2013 Alexander Valley Sonoma CA \$32 **#2**
Intrinsic 2014 Columbia Valley Washington State \$20 **#3**
Lynch Bages 2010 Pauillac Bordeaux France \$60

NEWS AND NOTES

More kudos for Old Westminster Winery. They made the list of 2016's Top 100 Wineries in America. See:

<http://www.oldwestminster.com/blog/2016/8/3/the-top-100-winerries-in-america>
and www.thedailymeal.com/drink/101-best-winnerries-america-2016

- And another top award for Old Westminster. Their 2014 Malbec won the "Best In Show" Silver Cup in the Maryland Wineries Association Comptrollers Cup Competition. The Presentation was made August 8th by Comptroller Peter Franchot. **Congrats Bakers!!**

-Webmaster Dean Wilson has improved the feature CCAWS Photos Dropbox at our website ccaws.net. Submitters no longer need a Dropbox account to send photos/files from their computer or mobile devices. Photos will not be posted instantly, but rather Dean will now collect and prepare them for the website later. This way if senders want to change or correct a submission they can email Dean to "Undo" or change anything before it hits the website.

COMING UP:

September 17th-18th - Maryland Wine Festival in Westminster

October 16th Charles and Roseanne Hedges with Chris/Tracy/Mike/Meggan back this year with "Vinho Portugues' Queijo, e Carne Curada" *translated (thanks Google)* "Portuguese Wines paired with Cheese and Charcuterie."

November 3rd - 5th - AWS 2016 National Conference Costa Mesa, Orange County CA

November 20th Bill and Michelle Sadler with Nan Slick-"Not yer Mama's Thanksgiving" some not so traditional T'giving food and pairings. What, no Pinot or Riesling allowed!!!?

December 11th - Holiday Champagne Extravaganza - Corynne Courpas househosts with "bubble-master" John Landon presenting. Plus, Basket Raffle and other good stuff.

MEMBER WINE DISCOUNTS: College Square and Cranberry in Westminster, Main Street Liquors in Hampstead and Total Discount in Eldersburg.



October - 2016

To: Members: CARROLL COUNTY MD CHAPTER/AMERICAN WINE SOCIETY
From: Ron Riley, Chair

Hi Everyone..

Hard to believe a year has zipped by since Tracy, Chris, Mike and Meggen presented "An Exploration into the Challenges of Wine Pairing." It was also a new adventure for the Hedges, as it was their first CCAWS house hosting.

This year the team returns -same time, same place - but with a bit of a twist. On Sunday October 16th it will be "Vinho Portuguese' Queijo, e Carne Curada" - *Portuguese Wines paired with Cheese and Charcuterie.* - 2PM, at Roseanne and Charlie's - (for referen and Emily's.) They have requested we set the limit at 40 attendees. Please RSVP by October 12th and *only* to their email address as they will be in and out of town during the pre-tasting period so this will make it easier for them to keep count. As always, the earlier the better! The presenters advised me that the price "may exceed \$25 per person", *not certain, but they want to put it out there just in case.* A small sample of food will be provided with the wine but we would still like members to bring an appetizer/entree or dessert for the table as usual. Another not to miss event - hope you can make it!

Many thanks to the Haslauer's for hosting an awesome tasting event on September 18th A colorful and educational powerpoint on the region was presented by Simone with "producer/director" Peter H. handling the AV - plus great insights from Leroy Stewart who last year conducted us flawlessly venture through the Vacluse of SE France - and hit another home run this time with an exciting array of Red and White R(h)ein Weins.

WE TASTED:

#1 Warm Up Villa Wolf 2015 Pinot Noir Rose'	\$15	WHITE WINE WINNER
#2 Robert Weil Rheingau Riesling Trocken 2014	\$24	
#3 Villa Wolf Pinot Noir 2014	\$19	
#4 Darting Pinot Meunier Trocken 2013	\$25	RED WINE WINNER
#5 Dr. Thanisch Riesling Spatlese Trocken 2014	\$33	
#6 Scharzhofberger Riesling Kabinett 2014	\$22	
#7 Dr Loosen Wehlener Sonnenuhr 2013	\$35	

(as Nan mentioned in her forwarded notes re: #7

"only 3 votes Does no one appreciate an outstanding sweet wine???)

NEWS & NOTES:

Congratulations to Carroll's Old Westminster Winery (www.oldwestminster.com)

Their wines were awarded 2 Gold Medals, 7 Silver and 3 Bronze in the Governor's Cup Competition at the Wine Festival. See complete statewide listings at

www.marylandwine.com/awards/2016-md-governor-s-cup-competition

This Month kicks off our annual CCAWS Scholarship Fund. Please make checks payable to AWSEF and they can go to me for forwarding. Also please don't forget donations of a bottle or two of wine (over \$15 each) to fill the wine raffle baskets which will go to Kelly Horrocks or Tracy Koch. Checks should be made out to AWSEF – which will also qualify you for the big Wine Basket Drawings at our Christmas/Holiday event. More info at next tasting.

COMING UP:

November 20th Bill & Michelle Sadler– Eldersburg/Gambrills Nancy Slick hosts “Not your Mama's Thanksgiving.”

December 11th Holiday Champagne Extravaganza & Wine Basket Raffle -Corrine Courpas and John Landon with lots of Bubbles! Westminster

January 15th 2017 Eileen & Richard Sien, Eldersburg. Tasting Theme TBD

February 19th George & Jackie Grillion, rural Taneytown -Tasting Theme TBD

March 19th Jack and Emily Johnston – Deep Run -Tasting Theme TBD

April 16th John and Ann Carr – New Windsor - Tasting Theme TBD

MEMBER WINE DISCOUNTS: College Square & Cranberry in Westminster, Main Street Liquors, Hampstead, Total Discount, Eldersburg- Have AWS Membership card handy if asked for it.

NOVEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER CARROLL COUNTY MD CHAPTER/AMERICAN WINE SOCIETY



To: CCAWS Members
From: Ron Riley, Chapter Chair

Hi Everyone...

A year has passed since we last visited the Sadlers. Then, Russell Moss, our CCAWS Scholarship winner, showed off some extraordinary wines from New Zealand where he lived and worked the vines for several years. This year Bill and Michelle will house-host an "All American" holiday food pairing experience as Nan Slick presents "Not Your Mama's Thanksgiving". Please join us at their farm home on Sunday November 20th, 2PM.

Seating will be limited so RSVP early by email to Bill. The food pairing will include some turkey/dressing etc. but as with all pairings, portions will be small, so remember to bring an appetizer/entree/or dessert for the table for everyone to share. You may consider bringing a favorite Thanksgiving dish, but above all please! don't everyone decide to bring a pumpkin pie ;-)

"Awesome" is an overused adjective, but if you were at Hedge's October tasting you'll agree that the effort that Meggan, Mike, Tracy & Chris put into their presentation of Portuguese Wines paired with an extraordinary selection of Cheese and Charcuterie was absolutely "Awesome" and Over The Top. Thank you guys so much for a tasty and very educational afternoon. Tracy took the time to provide info on the food including shop locations and prices. It's attached FYI.

WE TASTED:

Wine	Year	Price	Food	VOTES:	Wine	Food
Warm UP: Sao Joao Rose' Bruto	2014	\$20				
Nortico Alvarinho	2014	\$18	Taleggio Cheese		0	1
Confidencial Reserva Tinto Red	2012	\$14	D'Artagnan Fermin Serrano		6	5
Ramos Reserva Vinho Tinto	2013	\$13	Ewephoria Sheep's Milk Cheese		1	9
Foz De Arouce Tinto	2012	\$21	Ostrowski's Sage Sausage		4	12 Food Winner
Orison Rowan Vinho Tinto	2013	\$50	Double Cream Cow's Milk Cheese		13	7
Quinta De Chocapalha Vinho Tinto	2012	\$19	Dodge City Fennel Pollen Salame		14 Wine Winner	3

NEWS & NOTES:

-The Johnston's will be having a big yard/barn sale – quoting Emily “probably the first of several. Heavy emphasis on wine-related stuff (like a zillion wine glasses

for openers.) Everything going cheap. Saturday Nov 12th rain or shine. 9AM TO 3PM

-We're again seeking your generous contributions for our annual CCAWS Scholarship Fund drive asking members to please contribute a minimum of \$25 payable to AWSEF. If you are attending the November tasting you can give checks to our "Treasurer for Life" John Landon or mail to him at 17 Ridge Road Westminster 21157. We'll need this by year's end.

Also, as is usual we're hoping that you will contribute bottle or two of wine with a retail price of \$15 or more. We need this in November to fill the wine baskets for the December Holiday Raffle for AWSEF. Of course, this also makes you eligible for the raffle. Should you be attending Sadler's tasting, Kelly Horricks will be there to take your contribution or as an option you can write her a check and she will buy a bottle of wine on your behalf. As an option you can send a check for \$15 made out to Kelly Horrocks.

-Cheers to our newest CCAWS member Jane Grimes. Jane is a longtime friend of Pearl Walsh and wine aficionado. Welcome – it's great to have you with us!

COMING UP:

December 11th Holiday Champagne Extravaganza & Wine Basket Raffle
Corrine Courpas and John Landon. A Bubbly Afternoon in Westminster

January 15 2017 Eileen & Richard Sien, Eldersburg w/ Michael Sien wine host

February 19th George & Jackie Grillon, Taneytown w/ Robt Horrocks wine host

March 19th OPEN!! We need a house host for March 2017

(anyone interested please let me know – this can be a 1X commitment ie; no long term annual contract unless you want one ;-)

April 16th John & Ann Carr – New Windsor theme TBA

MEMBER WINE DISCOUNTS: College Square & Cranberry in Westminster, Main Street Liquors, Hampstead, Total Discount, Eldersburg

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DECEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER CARROLL COUNTY MD CHAPTER/AMERICAN WINE SOCIETY



To: CCAWS Members
From: Ron Riley, Chapter Chair

Hi Everyone..

Here we go!!! Next up its our Annual CCAWS Holiday Champagne Extravaganza! Wow, the time has been roaring by this year—it seems it was just a couple of months ago that I was writing about this for December 2015! As always, because of the busy Holiday season, this event will be held Sunday December 11th a week sooner than our usual 3rd Sunday of the month.

This year's bubbles will again be at the home of Super House Host Corynne Courpas with Champagne chatter provided by the one and only John Landon.

This is always a popular well-attended event so please RSVP by Wednesday December 7th.

Be sure to bring something tasty to share: appetizer/an entree'/or dessert –and for new members or those attending the December party for the first time, many tend to dress up a little bit more in the Spirit of the Season and, ahhhhh but of course – for the Champagne !

As in recent years. the Per Person Cost could be \$30+

Kudos to Jack and Emily Johnston who stepped up and took the November tasting, which the Sadler's had to drop because of Bill's back surgery. Nan did another of her superb presentations (and kept wine notes at the same time.) A nice pairing of a Thanksgiving Sampler with some very fine wines! Good job Wonder Woman! And special thanks to Michelle Sadler for putting the pairing food together, and additionally I'm happy to report that Bill is home, all apparently went well, and he's on the mend! Go Mr. Bill!! Thoughts and prayers!!

WE TASTED:

Domaine Specht Pinot Gris	2013	\$20	FAVORITE WHITE/17 VOTES	FAVORITE PAIRING/18 votes
Vincent Girardin White Burgundy	2013	\$18		
Three Brooms Sauvignon Blanc	2015	\$18		
Vajra Barbera d'Alba	2013	\$24		
Domaine des Tours Vaucluse	2004	\$20		
Madrigal Napa Zinfandel	2007	\$30	FAVORITE RED/22 VOTES	

NEWS & NOTES:

A big thanks to everyone who responded to the annual CCAWS/AWSEF endeavor. As you know the Educational Foundation provides supplemental funding opportunities to qualified full time graduate students seeking to enter the wine industry. Each year our chapter has been at or near the top nationally in contributions. If you haven't contributed yet you still have a couple of days – deadline December 3rd. Checks \$25 or more go to John Landon. AWSEF contributors are eligible for the upcoming wine basket drawings!

Members were also very generous in donating wine for the 6 baskets which Kelly and Tracy are making up. Additionally, Becky Wilson has done it again donating a beautiful Italian themed wine and food basket for the Silent Auction.

Wanted to also mention that we all enjoyed meeting Panjak (“Doc”) and Roxanne's daughter Angela, a guest at our November tasting who, like her father, is also a “Doc”- an OB/GYN in Connecticut.

A number of members at the last tasting loved the Pomegranate Salad from Corynne – she sent the recipe and Dean will have it up on website soon.
www.CCAWS.net

We continue to encourage CCAWS members to join our parent organization, especially important for those who are or intend to House Host as the AWS provides insurance coverage for chapter events. AWS Dues are now \$49 for individual and \$62 for households. The membership lasts until Dec. 31, 2017 - take advantage of this extended year offer. The three year discount offer (15% discount to normal fees) is still available \$124 for individuals and \$158 for a household. Americanwinesociety.org

COMING UP:

January 15th Eileen & Richard Sien, Eldersburg w/restauranteur Michael Sien presenting “What's The Difference?” Looking at three grapes and comparing – Pinot Grigio, Syrah and Nebbiolo

January 26th Maryland Wineries Association's Winter Wine Show at the B&O Railroad Museum in Baltimore info at www.marylandwineevents.com

February 19th George & Jackie Grillon, Taneytown w/Robert Horrocks TBD

March 19th Bill & Michelle Sadler, Gamber w/Nan Slick TBD

April 16th John & Ann Carr, New Windsor theme TBD

May 15th Steve & Theresa Provosto, Hampstead TBD

June 19th Linda & Ron Riley National Tasting Project

MEMBER WINE DISCOUNTS: Non Sale Items

Westminster: College Square & Cranberry

Hampstead: Main Street Liquors

Eldersburg: Total Discount