



AMERICAN WINE SOCIETY

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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.

2003/2004 CCAWS Schedule

Date	House	Wine Host	Topic
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	Barbour	Slick / B. Wilson	
13-Jun	Wilson	Parker/Pardoe	Picnic Food / Wine Paring
18-Jul	Grillon ?	PICNIC	
15-Aug	Evans		
19-Sep	Benzil	Benzil	
17-Oct	Barbour	Stewarts	
21-Nov			
14-Dec	Blosveren	Landon	

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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Becky