



July 7, 2008

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The CCAWS Annual Picnic will be at the home of Jackie and George Grillon on Sunday, July 20 at 2:00 pm.

Please call the Grillons by July 16 if you would like to attend. Earlier is better! Bring your family, lawn chairs, swim suits, **a bottle or two and a side dish to share.**

**Other items of interest—**

- **Last month's Tasting, "Italians You May Not Know"—Bill Eisberg** presented a well-received array of Italian reds along with a warm-up white—many of them made from not-so-familiar Italian grapes! A lively time was enjoyed by all. Of course, "lively" was tempered by the heat and humidity. Yours Truly even managed to avoid a dunking in the Riley fish pond though perched on the brink! Thanks to College Square Liquors for providing the wines at reduced cost. The wines are listed below with their retail prices and our favorites:
  - (Warm-up) Villa Puccini Vennaccia di San Gimignano 2006 \$12 [0 votes]
  - (1) Icardi—Piemonte Cortese 2006 \$14 [5 votes] **\*2nd place\***
  - (2) D'Angelo—Vigna Castelle, a single vineyard Reserva 2000—100% Aglianico \$16 [3 votes]
  - (3) Barco Reale di Carmignano 2004—Sangiovese, Cabernet Sauvignon, Caraiolo \$17 [2 votes]
  - (4) Cusumaro Nero D'Avola 2006, also known as Calabrese \$13 [9 votes] **\*favorite\***
  - (5) Cataldi Madonna Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 2004 \$17 [1 votes]
  - (6) Braida Il Baciato Monferrato Rosso 2002—80% Barbera, 5% Pinot Noir, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon \$22 [4 votes] **\*3rd place\***

Thanks to the Rileys for hosting this crowd. This was their first experience as house hosts and will undoubtedly not be their last—that is, if they will have us back to their lovely place!

- **Check our web site ([www.CCAWS.net](http://www.CCAWS.net)) for upcoming tastings.**
- **Don't forget your dues** of \$10 to CCAWS (Carroll County Chapter of the American Wine Society) **AND** your membership obligation (dues, \$57) to AWS (American Wine Society). Consider this a reminder that you **must** maintain membership in AWS (our parent organization) to remain a member of CCAWS. See [www.AmericanWineSociety.org](http://www.AmericanWineSociety.org) for details of on-line management of your AWS membership. You can call AWS during business hours at 678-377-7070 to take care of it that way.
- **CCAWS Membership Cards**—Bona fide member of CCAWS, viz., AWS membership + CCAWS dues paid (see previous bullet), will be sent 2008 CCAWS membership cards in

the mail. These are primarily for verifying to the few (currently 3) local liquor stores that offer a per-bottle discount on wine to CCAWS members.

See you at the Grillons'...

...LeRoy