



October 5th, 2009

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The CCAWS October tasting will be “The Wine Districts of Napa- A comparison of AVA and how the soil types and micro climates result in wines of distinct character; on Sunday 10/18/09 starting at 2:00 p.m at the home of the Carrs’

John and Anne have generously opened their home for the event and all you need to do is RSVP by Tuesday October 13th, bring a dish to share for the table —the earlier, the better, because space is limited! The price for this tasting is likely to exceed the normal range but should be no more than \$25.00

per person.

The Carroll County (MD) chapter met on September 27th the home of the Barbour’s with the theme being, “Thirsty for Hungary? which was presented by Doug Klapec (a friend of Lee and Anna Stewart). The tasting was held outside on a surprisingly lovely afternoon. Doug shared his insights into the wine from this country and Lee and Anna sourced the wine from as far away as New Jersey! We have been treated to a European tour for the last couple of months without having to fork out the airfare. Hopefully we can find some in the future at our stores. We voted on an overall favorite. Doug also brought a wonderful Tokaji that he got in Hungary that we tasted, but did not vote on.

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No.	Wine	Price	Votes
warm-up	Nyakis Budai Sauvignon Blanc 2006	\$14	4
1	Monarchia Cellars Pinot Grigio 2007	\$11	3
2	Irsai Olivia 2007 (obtained from the Hungarian Embassy)	\$14	3
3	Soprani Kekfrankos 2003 (obtained from NJ)	\$9	0
4	Takler Noir Gold Kekfrankos 2004	\$35	7
5	Vylyan Pino Noir 2005 (obtained in NJ)	\$19	6
6	Vylayab Vinum Zweigelt 2005	\$23	6
7	Villanyi Kekoporto 2003 (obtained in NJ)	\$11	0

Check our web site (www.CCAWS.net) for upcoming tastings.

• Other News

- It looks like we have filled the calendar for 2010 with House Hosts with a few Wine Hosts still needed. Thank you Becky for helping with this. January is still open and I am checking into whether Serpent Ridge would do a tasting for us.. More later on that.
 - A reminder that the tasting schedule is available on our website.
 - A very important note: It is vital that if you RSVP to a tasting, you attend or cancel within 24 hours of it. If you add the votes on the wines you will see that it totals 29. There were at least 40 RSVP's. Inflated numbers make the cost of the tasting greater for those that attend, and may also prevent someone who wanted to come, from doing so. Please be courteous to your wine and house host by following through with this basic social grace.
 - It is our Annual Fundraiser Drive time again. Monies for this go to our Scholarship fund. We need denotations for the baskets that we raffle at the champagne tasting in December. Typically a bottle of wine for \$10.00 or more, not including the discount, or a separate check in lieu of this.. and a \$25.00 check made out for the Scholarship Fund. Checks can be made out to AWSEF. These can be mailed to Penee, or simply brought to the next tasting. Remember that to win a basket during the Champagne tasting, you have to have donated. This is for a really great cause so please consider giving something to help out others. Other members that you can send or give items to are Emily Johnston and Jackie Powers.
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- A Little Bit of Tuscany is now offering discounts on off sale wine.
 - Bud's at Silver Run September 28th – Women who Wine returns!
 - Wine Me Up Wine Bar & Shoppe now offers live music on Thursdays and Saturdays (www.winemeupshoppeandtavern.com) Also Don't miss the weekly specials! No corkage fee on Tuesdays, bottle specials on Wednesdays and on Friday Happy Hour, receive half off wine by the glass from 4pm-7pm on Fridays!
 - Serpents Ridge Vineyard is now also offering a 15 percent discount to CCAWS members for wine sales. A tasting is \$5.00 and you get to keep the glass.. well worth a visit. <http://www.serpentridge.com/>