



Greetings everyone ...

The CCAWS **February 19th** tasting will be held at the home of Jackie and George Grillon, the theme will be **“Malbec - the next big thing?”** presented by **Bill Eisberg**. Be sure to RSVP to the Grillons by **Wednesday, February 15th** — *as usual the sooner the better*. As always bring a tasty dish, and/or dessert for the table. Also if you bring a guest, please bring a dish for them as well.

The Carroll County (MD) chapter met on January 15th at the home of the Corynne Courpas and Scott Markle. The theme was **“Zinfandel et al”** presented by **Anna and LeRoy Stewart**. The tasting featured a selection of red wines, beginning with a pink warmup. The Stewarts presented a wealth of information on Zinfandel. They covered its origins in the Mediterranean, and the varietal family tree that led to the Zinfandel we know today.

“Zinfandel et al”			
No.	Wines	Price	Votes
warm-up	Pedroncelli Zinfandel Rosé, '09 Sonoma County, USA	11.99	0
1	Twisted Old Vine Zinfandel, '10 California, USA	7.99	0
2	Terrilogia Primitivo, '10 Puglia, Italy	9.99	0
3	Lirica Plavic Mali, '08 Pelješac Peninsula, Croatia	20.00	0
4	Layer Cake Primitivo, '08 Puglia, Italy	16.99	8
5	Cline Ancient Vines Zinfandel, '09 California, USA	17.99	16
6	Zlantan Crljenak Kaštelanski, '08 Hvar, Croatia	45.00	11

Chapter news

○ With the new year it is time to renew your membership by paying dues of (still only) \$10 to CCAWS (Carroll County Chapter of the American Wine Society) AND your membership obligation (dues \$62 for 2012) to AWS (American Wine Society). Remember you must maintain membership in AWS (the national parent organization) to remain a member of CCAWS. You can renew your national membership via the website www.americanwinesociety.org or call 888-297-9070, if you prefer to manage your account over the phone.

Other news

- **The March tasting and CCAWS Annual meeting will be held on Sunday the 18th at the Johnston's. They will also be acting as wine hosts, and the theme will be ‘Red wine ABC* – (*Anything But Cabernet’).**
- As always please refrain from any strong smelling colognes or perfumes when attending tastings.

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

Other items of interest

- *Cranberry Liquors, College Square, Northwest Liquors, House of Liquors, and Main Street Liquors in Hampstead all offer discounts to CCAWS members*
- *Serpent Ridge Vineyard is now also offering a 15 % discount to CCAWS members for wine sales. A tasting is \$5.00 and you get to keep the glass. <http://www.serpentridge.com/>*