



January - 2018

To: Members of the CARROLL COUNTY MD CHAPTER/AMERICAN WINE SOCIETY
From: Jerry Hampton, Chapter Chair

Hi, and Happy 2018 to everyone! I hope each of you had a great Holiday Season.

I want to start by saying I am honored to serve as your new chairperson for this Chapter's 38th year, succeeding Ron Riley, who stepped down at the end of December after doing a wonderful job as chairperson for the past three years. Ron is a hard act to follow, but I promise to do my best to lead and represent this chapter as we move forward into 2018 and beyond. We have a wonderful group of interesting, fun, and knowledgeable people, and I am really happy to be a part of it.

Speaking of being happy, I am particularly excited about how this year is starting off in terms of tastings. Our January tasting, entitled **Burgundy with Bernie**, will focus on one of the truly great wine regions in the world, Burgundy, France, which will be held at **Doc and Roxanne Desai's** home.

This is the first time Doc and Roxanne have served as house hosts, so I want to thank them for their generosity. Please RSVP Doc and Roxanne by **January 17th** via email, linked on the CCAWS website.

The January tasting wine host will be someone many of you are already familiar with: Bernie Vogel, the owner of the popular Jeannie Bird Café on Main Street in Westminster, which was started by his late wife, Jeannie. Bernie, a resident of Carroll County, has worked in the wine industry for a national distributor for over 25 years and has traveled extensively to various wine regions throughout the world. Bernie is a well-known wine educator who teaches courses on wine appreciation at the Carroll Community College. I know this tasting will be an interesting and educational experience, and a great way for our chapter to start 2018.

NOTE: The January tasting will provide a unique opportunity to taste some relatively rare wines from an iconic wine region. As a result, the cost of the tasting may be up to \$50 per person.

As always: *Please don't forget to bring an entrée, appetizer, or dessert to share!*

Last Month's News

Our chapter had its annual Holiday Champagne Soiree last month on December 10th and a great time was had by all. I'd like to especially thank our generous house host, Corynne Courpas, for opening her beautiful home to this rowdy group for the second year in a row, to John Landon, our intrepid presenter, and to Mike Bareford from College Square Liquors for supplying the excellent selection of champagnes. This was a wonderful opportunity to taste some champagnes at some price points we wouldn't normally experience.

Special thanks are also in order to all who made contributions to the American Wine Society Education Fund (AWSEF). Thank you to Tracey Koch and Kelly Horrocks for once again preparing the baskets this year. The basket winners were as follows:

- #1 Ron & Linda Riley
- #2 Robert & Kelly Horrocks
- #3 Dean & Becky Wilson
- #4 Corynne Courpas
- #5 Joe & Lynn Breeding
- #6 Mark & Jeanine Wilson

Also "Best of the Region" Silent Auction Basket donated by Dean and Becky Wilson was won by Robert and Kelly Horrocks.

The voting results from the tasting are shown below:

Wine	Retail Price (\$)	Number of Votes
Charles de Cazanove Brut Tete de Cuvee	31.99	5
Charles de Cazanove Brut Premier Cru	35.99	0
Charles de Cazanove Brut Rose	35.99	0
Bollinger Brut Special Cuvee	73.99	8
Bollinger Brut Rose	99.99	14 (Winner)
Bollinger Brut La Grande Annee 2007	149.99	5
Bollinger Brut Rose La Grande Annee 2005	199.99	6

Miscellaneous

Seeking wine & house hosts: The table on the following page lists the tasting schedule for the upcoming year. As you can see, we currently have the following needs:

- House host for May (May 20, 2018)
- Wine host for October (October 21, 2018)
- House host for October (October 21, 2018)

Please email me if you are interested in filling any of these openings.

Member Wine Discounts: The following establishments offer discounts to AWS members – College Square Liquors and Cranberry Liquors in Westminster, Main Street Liquors, Hampstead, and Total Discount Liquors, Eldersburg.

Chapter and AWS Dues: Please don't forget to pay your national AWS and local chapter dues. Please let me or John Landon know if you have any questions.

Month	House Host	Wine Host	Theme
January	Doc & Roxanne Desai	Bernie Vogel	Burgundy with Bernie
February	George & Jacquelyn Grillon	Robert Horrocks	Exploring trends developing in wine with the rise of millennials as a consumer.
March	Eileen Sien	Michael Sien	TBD
April	John & Ann Carr	John Carr	TBD
May	?	Nan Slick	TBD
June	Ron & Linda Riley	Pat Valas	TBD
July	George & Jacquelyn Grillon	N/A	Picnic
August	Jerry & Dorothy Hampton	Jerry Hampton	TBD
September	Simone & Peter Haslauer	Leroy Stewart	TBD
October	?	?	TBD
November	Bill & Michele Sadler	Nan Slick	TBD
December	Corynne Courpas	John Landon	Champagne