

July - 2018

To: Members of the CARROLL COUNTY MD CHAPTER/AMERICAN WINE SOCIETY

From: Jerry Hampton, Chapter Chair

Hi Everybody! As I'm writing this, the air temperature is nearing 95°, the relative humidity is 53%, and the heat index is 107°. That means there's only two places to be: indoors in the air-conditioning, or in a pool. And guess what? Speaking of pools, we've got the perfect event for this time of year ... our annual **CCAWS Cookout and Pool Party!!!** And, as is tradition, **George and Jackie Grillon** have generously agreed to host this event at their spectacular country home in northwest Carroll County. This is a wonderful venue for a picnic, with lots of acreage, a beautiful pool, vineyards, and trails for strolling.

Our annual cookout and pool party is open to all members, their families and guests. Hamburgers and hot dogs are provided by the club, so all you need to do is bring a tasty side dish and/or dessert, some wine to share, and a willingness to relax and enjoy yourself with some of the greatest club members ever assembled in one place. Bring your swim suit if you plan on enjoying the pool and, of course, I'm sure there will be ample opportunity to prove yourself at the ultimate picnic sport: horseshoes!

The cookout this year is **Sunday, July 15th**

and the time, as usual, is 2 PM. Jackie prefers that you RSVP by email, if possible" Please respond by Thursday, July 12th.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Last Month's News

Last month's National Tasting Project was a great success, and I'd like to especially thank Ron and Linda Riley for opening their home to our group

and for Pat Valas, who served as wine host at this event. The weather was excellent, as has become the norm for this tasting, and Pat did a stellar job finding and researching the wines, and leading us through a selection of excellent Portuguese wines. I particularly liked how Pat emphasized the regional distinctions of the wines, highlighting how the climate and soil of each of the four regions expressed itself in both the reds and the whites. Thanks, Pat, for another great NTP tasting.

The table below lists the wines from the NTP tasting in June. Unfortunately, I haven't been able to get the vote count and prices yet, but I will send that information out once I receive it.

Wine	Retail Price (\$)	Number of Votes
Region: Douro Codega do Larinho, Rabigato, Viosinho	TBD	TBD
Region: Beira Siria, Fonte Cal	TBD	TBD
Region: Alentejo Viognier	TBD	TBD
Region: Biera Jaen (Mencia), Tinta Roriz (Tempranillo), Touriga Nacional	TBD	TBD
Region: Lisbon Touriga Nacional, Alicante Bourschet, Syrah	TBD	TBD
Region: Alentejo Syrah, Petiti Verdot, CabSauv, Touriga Nacional	TBD	TBD
Region: Douro Field blend including: Rabigato, Codega do Larinho, Arinto, Gouveio	TBD	TBD

Miscellaneous

History of the CCAWS: Several months ago I asked Emily Johnston if she would be willing to write down a history of our club, particularly of its early years, since she and Jack are founding members of our club. I'm attaching a draft of Emily's write-up. Please take a look at this draft and let me know if you have any additions or corrections you'd like to add. Emily and I will incorporate any such changes and issue a final version in the near future. Thank you Emily and Jack for starting this group and for capturing some of your earliest memories of its beginnings.

Seeking wine & house hosts: We have a need for a house and wine host for this coming January. If you have any interest, (or if you don't have an interest but are willing nonetheless), please email me. If you haven't hosted (either wine or house) before, I'd be happy to explain what's involved and help you along the way.

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.

2018 Tasting Schedule

Month	House Host	Wine Host	Theme
January	Doc & Roxanne Desai	Bernie Vogel	Burgundy with Bernie
February	George & Jackie Grillon	Robert Horrocks	Exploring Trends in Wines with the Rise of Millennials
March	Eileen Sien	Michael Sien	Young, Fun Wines for Spring
April (4/15/18)	John & Ann Carr	John Carr	A Sommelier Challenge
May (5/20/18)	Frank & Dolores Batavik	Nan Slick	Bello Blanco: Whites and Roses of Spain
June (6/17/18)	Ron & Linda Riley	Pat Valas	National Tasting: Wines of Portugal
July (7/15/18)	George & Jackie Grillon	N/A	Picnic
August 8/19/18)	Jerry & Dorothy Hampton	Jerry & Dorothy Hampton	The Wines of Australia
September (9/16/18)	Simone & Peter Haslauer	Leroy & Anna Stewart	Northern Rhone Wines
October (10/21/18)	Robert & Kelly Horrocks	Ron Riley & Alphonso Ventrice	Sicilian Wines
November 11/18/18)	Bill & Michele Sadler	Nan Slick	TBD
December 12/9/18 ?	Corynne Courpas	John Landon	Champagne soiree