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CARROLL COUNTY CHAPTER

COPERNICA VINEYARDS

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CCAWS Sparkling Wines --Dec 21, 1997

Our annual fizzy tasting was an unqualified success once again, thanks to Richard and Carmen Blossveren as hosts and John Landon for providing an imaginative spectrum of wines to taste.

The wines were:

Summarroca Cava Brut, NV (Spain)	\$7.99
Alexandre Brut Blanc de Blancs NV	\$8.99
Gloria Ferrer Royal Cuvee Brut, 1989	\$16.99
Trouillard Brut, NV	\$21.99
Moet & Chandon Brut Imperial NV	\$36.99
Veuve Cliquot Brut, NV	\$39.99

The overwhelming favorite was the Trouillard (note that it was not the most expensive either). The bright blue bottle of the Summarroca was coveted by many, if not the wine it contained. Several people were observed pouring the remainders into any available glass in order to confiscate the empty bottles.

There were upwards of 45 folks in attendance, many of whom congregated around the piano singing Christmas carols after the tasting was officially over. This has become a sort of tradition. We may have to take a vote to see if the club will spring for a piano tuning for the host instrument. It may be that this annual event is taking its toll on it.

What? You weren't there? Tsk tsk. You missed the sumptuous edibles provided by the attendees --shrimp, lox, many pates, other noshables, plus the desserts. Ah --the desserts.

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Barb Eisberg, our Chairperson for the last two years, handed over the gavel to Emily Johnston for the next two years. The Club gave Barb a gift pack of wines as a token of

appreciation for her work. Barb Brown Secretary, passed her chores to Walt Rachele and John Landon, having been threatened 'agreed to stay on as Treasurer.'

Barb Eisberg noted that during her tenure she never once had to use the gavel to bring order to the group. We can only hope that she has trained you well, and that we won't have to use it either.

1998 CHAPTER TASTING SCHEDULE

Most of the gaps were filled thank you but we still have a few holes left. Please let me know if you can house-host and/or wine-host in the empty slot. Here's what we have so far:

DATE/HOUSE HOST/WINE HOST/THEME

Jan 18/ Brown / Rachele/ Port
Feb 15/ Murray / Arch / _____
Mar 15/ Johnston /Johnston / "Terroir"
Apr 19/ Brown / Eisberg /
May 17/Arch/ Arch/ _____
Jun 21/ Zimmerman/ Greene / _____
Jul 19/ Wood / PICNIC ----
Aug 16/ Eisberg / Eisberg / _____
Sep 13/ _____ / _____
Oct 18/ _____ / _____
Nov8/ _____ / _____
Dec 13/ Blossveren / Champagne

Hey --this is good! There are only a few holes to fill.

Please call me and let me know where you can contribute.

A couple of notes: The tasting in September IS moved back a week to accommodate the Maryland Wine Festival, which is the third weekend in September. The November tasting is moved to accommodate the AWS National Nov 13 -15. We can put that meeting on the 22nd (after the National) if that's more convenient.

NEXT TASTING Jan 18 1998

Bill & Barb Brown

Wine Host: Walt Rachele

Theme: Ports

Call the Browns by Jan 14



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JANUARY 18, 1998 --LBV PORTS

Walt Rachele treated us to some very nice late bottled vintage ports, which went well with the chilly day. The wines were:

- Quady 1993 (\$10-13)
- St Amant 1993 (\$12 -15)
- Porto Andresen 1992 (\$18 -22)
- Sandeman's 1991 (\$21 -24)
- Croft 1991 (\$20 -25)
- Quinta Dos Murcas 1988 (\$16 -20)

In addition, there was an unnamed port vintage 1981, which was an example of the fact that LBV ports should not be aged, and a couple of regular wines for warm-ups, both from Portugal:

- Quinta do Barrio Falco (\$9)
- Periquita (\$10)

When the vote was taken, the favorite was the Sandeman's, with the Quinta Dos Murcas a distant second. But then, when everyone was sipping the remainders, now with excellent food accompaniment, there were many folks who wanted to change their votes. There are times when I wish we could do this in elections. By the time the afternoon was over, the votes were pretty much equal for the two wines. Anyway, thanks to Walt for the program and to the Browns for the facilities.

DEADBEAT DEPARTMENT:

Is there a red star on your mailing label? Shame! This means you haven't paid your dues! Please correct this oversight by sending your check for \$8 (hey --what a bargain), payable to CCAWS, to John Landon, (Eminent Treasurer), 17 Ridge Road, Westminster, Md 21157.

EMAIL???

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LOST AND FOUND

FOUND: One purple bath towel, reportedly has been kicking around since the picnic.

1998 CHAPTER TASTING SCHEDULE

Here's, where we stand for the year after this month's meeting. We need one wine host and from all the wine hosts we need the themes. Let me know.

DATE / HOUSE HOST/ WINE HOST/ THEME

- Jan 18/ Brown / Rachele/ Port
- Feb 15/ Murray / Arch / Calif. Cabs
- Mar 15/ Johnston /Johnston / "Terroir"
- Apr 19/ Brown /Eisberg / Oregon Wines
- May 17/ Arch / Arch / _____
- Jun 21/ Zimmerman / Greene/ _____
- Jul 19/ Wood / PICNIC
- Aug 16/ Eisberg /Eisberg / _____
- Sep 13/ Nestorick / Eisberg/ _____
- Oct 18/ Grillon / _____ / _____
- Nov 8 / White / White / _____
- Dec 13/ Blosveren/ Blosveren-Landon/ Champagne

HOT NEWS

Bill Eisberg won his election as Member at Large on the Board of Directors of the AWS National. Pat Valas successfully completed the Wine Judges Training course, got her gold star at the National last November. Congratulations to both!

NEXT TASTING

WHERE: Dick & Emily Murray
 WHEN: FEB 15, 1998, 2:00 PM
 WINE HOST: Jeff Arch II
 THEME: California Cabernets
 [Map on other side]
 Please call the Murrays no later than Feb 11 to confirm your attendance. Food contributions are always welcome.



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FEBRUARY 15, 1998 --CALIFORNIA CABS

Jeff Arch came up with a very interesting program --a comparison of 1994 and 1995 selected cabernets from California. The wines are listed below; the prices are from Beltway, which already discounts wines. It IS possible that with the 20% discount AWS members get from local merchants you could do a bit better.

Warmup: Robert Mondavi 95 "Coastal" \$7.85 Ch
Souverain 94 \$12.99 Clos Du Bois 94/95 \$10.99
Beautour BV 94/95 \$7.99 Monthaven 94/95 \$7.99
(only available at Beltway)

With the exception of the Souverain, the 94's were rated a bust by the group (about 30 people, a respectable count). There was a tie for the favorite -- the Souverain and the 1995 Monthaven each got 9 votes. Notably, the other 94's got zip. All these wines were fairly high in alcohol (13.0 to 13.7), which tended to put some tasters off. Most of the 94's are no longer available, but judging from the vote, this is not a serious problem. Keep the taste of the 95's in your heads, because at the March tasting we will also taste some 95 cabs --but from Maryland this time. (see below)

Thanks to Jeff for a most educational tasting and to the Murrays for being gracious househosts.

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One of our members reported that when his mailman saw the red star on his label, he thought there might be a bomb in the letter, so he called the police, the FBI and the BATF, who immediately put a stakeout on our poor member's house. No one could go in and out of the house without passing through three check points. Surely you don't want this to happen to you, do you?

If there is a green dot, that means you are getting a freebee, and it will go away after this mailing if you decline to join up.

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1998 CHAPTER TASTING SCHEDULE

Here's where we stand for the rest of the year. We need some themes from the wine hosts where none are listed below:

DATE /HOUSE HOST /WINE HOST /THEME
Mar 15/ Johnston /Johnston / "Terroir"
Apr 19/ Brown I Eisberg/ Oregon Wines
May 17/ Arch / Arch / _____
Jun 21/ Zimmerman / Greene/ _____
Jul 19/ Wood / PICNIC
Aug 16/ Eisberg / Eisberg / Winery tour (Fiore)
Sep 13/ Nestorick / Eisberg / _____
Oct 18/ Grillon / Johnston / _____
Nov 8 / White / White / Rating ratings
Dec 13/ Blosveren /Blosveren-Landon Champagne

TSK TSK:

Our house hosts this month told us that they were besieged with late callers for the tasting. This will not do. The reason we have a deadline is so that both the house host and the wine host know how much food and wine they have to supply, while there is still time to obtain it.

SO: Henceforth and forever more, if you don't call by the deadline published in the newsletter then you can't come. Give us a break, folks.

NEXT TASTING --18th Anniversary!

WHERE: Jack & Emily Johnston

WHEN: MAR 15, 1998, 2:00 PM

WINE HOST: Emily Johnston

THEME: "Terroir" (Maryland cabs-matching wines and their vineyard sources: includes 1997 barrel samples!) [Map on other side]

Please call the Johnstons no later than Mar 11~ to confirm your attendance. Food contributions are always welcome.



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MARCH 15 1998 --18th ANNIVERSARY TASTING "Terroir"

Terroir? Whazzat? Well, kind of hard to explain, but the idea is that the soil and climate of a particular location is identifiable in some way, and the wines will reflect that. It's hard to put together a tasting that will hold all the variables but terroir constant, but with the help of Woodhall and Fiore wineries, we came close.

The wines were 1995 Cabernets and 1997 Cabernets --the latter necessarily barrel samples. The vineyards were Wye and K.B (both on the Eastern Shore) and Copernica (you know where that is) and Fiore, in the other part of the State. Woodhall was the winemaker for three of the wines, and of course Fiore for the fourth.

We tasted the 95's and discussed them. The Eastern Shore wines tended to be lighter in both color and body; the other two vineyards were darker and fruitier.

Then we tasted the 97 barrel samples blind, the idea being to identify the vineyards. Didn't work. No one at the tasting got more than one right. But, when we asked how many got the two Eastern Shore wines (and therefore the other two) identified as a class, more than half the group had them properly identified.

Afterwards, we were treated to two more sets of 95/97 samples, by two different winemakers, both from Copernica Vineyards (Bill Eisberg's and Jack Johnston's). We should note that by the end of the afternoon, all the Copernica bottles were empty. Just an observation, you understand.

A special thanks to Becky Wilson for her "Terroir" cake --a luscious confection of chocolate and interesting icings, all iced up elegantly with a bunch of grapes and the word "terroir." It occurred to me to take a picture of it, but too late. There was virtually nothing of it left by the end of the tasting. Thanks to all the others who came bearing chocolate (a wonderful thing with cabernet) and the other contributions.

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DATE /HOUSE HOST /WINE HOST /THEME

Apr 19/ Brown / Eisberg/ Northwest Wines May 17/ Arch / Arch / Jun 21/ Zimmerman / Greene Jul 19/ Wood / PICNIC Aug 16/ Eisberg / Eisberg / Winery tour (Fiore) Sep 13/ Nestorick / Eisberg / ___ Oct 18/ Grillon / Johnston Nov 8 / White / White / Rating Ratings Dec 13/ Blosveren / Blosveren-Landon Champagne

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NEXT TASTING

WHERE: Bill & Barb Brown

WHEN: APR 19, 1998, 2:00 PM

WINE HOST: Bill Eisberg

THEME: A Taste of the Northwest - reds & whites from Oregon and Washington State. [Map on other side]

Please call the Browns no later than Apr 15 to confirm your attendance.

Food contributions are always welcome.

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Ronald Searle, "Something In The Cellar"



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June 21, 1998 --New Zealand Wines

It was a small group, but we enjoyed some rather nice wines from New Zealand_ Tom Greene put the tasting together, we learned a little geography (where is New Zealand anyway?) One thing to remember about wines from the other side of the equator --the dates are six months off from what we are used to. Right now it is winter down there, the 98 harvest was taken in March or April, fully six months before our 98's will be in.

Stoneleigh Sauvignon Blanc, 97 \$10 Villa Maria Sauv Blanc 97, \$10 Cloudy Bay Sauv Blanc 97, \$19 Villa Maria Chardonnay 97, \$14 - Martinborough Vineyards Pinot Noir 95, \$33 Longridge Merlot 95, \$10 Backsberg Cabernet Sauv 94, \$13 (see note)

Note: due to a combination of inattention on the part of Tom and some sleight of hand by the folks at Beltway, that Cabemet turns out to be from South Africa, not New Zealand. We shrugged and tasted it anyway.

The Stoneleigh was the unquestioned favorite of the whites --more than half the votes were for it. Of the reds, the Martinborough and the Longridge tied for favorite.

Thanks to Tom Greene for the wines and to John and Mary Zimmerman for the setting.

The next TWO events:

The newsletter will be taking a vacation in July, so make a note of the next two happenings right now.

PICNIC: July 12, at Nattie & Joe Wood's. Bring a dish to share (hotdogs, hamburgers, etc will be provided), your kids, lawn chairs, and your bathing suit. And wine of course. The cost is \$5 per adult person_ Confirmation of attendance by July 6 please.

Winery Tour --Fiore: Aug 16, at Fiore Vineyards. A tasting of all their wines. plus bread. cheese . and fruit; vineyard and winery tour. Cost \$5 per person. Confirmation by Aug 10.

Confirmation for both of these events should be made to us. Maps for both are enclosed. AND -- don't forget:



Sept 19 - 20 Maryland Wine Festival, Farm Museum, Westminster. This time we will need your help, in the Wine-Ed tent the amateur wine judging. And yes, you get in free if you volunteer. .

REMAINING 1998 TASTINGS

Sep 13 / Nestorick / Eisberg / Italian wines

Oct 18 / Grillon / Johnston /

Nov 8 / White / White /Rating-rating scales

Dec 13/ Blosveren/ Blosveren-Landon/ Champagne



Ronald Searle "Something in the Cellar"



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AUGUST 1998 --Tour of Fiore Vineyards

Mike Fiore is quite a character, isn't he? A small group of 18 of us were absolutely delighted with a tour of the vineyards at Fiore Winery, in Harford County, with the colorfully accented commentary by Mike Fiore. We saw some 10 acres of vines, a new extension to the winery building under construction (it will be lovely when it's finished), some new high-class equipment, including a huge bladder-press, and a barrel sample of his 96 Chambourcin (and let's remember that 96 was a terrible year, but you wouldn't have known it from this wine).

Then we tasted seven of his wines (actually, the Vidal was the "warm-up" --we carried it around on the vineyard tour):

- 97 Vidal
- 95 Chardonnay
- 97 Chardonnay NV Risato (a blend of just about everything)
- 95 Cabernet Sauvignon
- 95 Chambourcin
- 95 Carote (Cab S/Merlot/Sangiovese)

These were accompanied by some nice fruit and cheese, and French bread with spiced olive oil for dipping. Of the whites, the Vidal was the hands-down favorite, and the 95 Chambourcin nosed out the 95 Cabernet for the favored red.

A lovely afternoon in a beautiful spot with good wines. Well worth the hour-plus trek it took to get there. Our thanks to Mike and Rose Fiore for being gracious hosts.

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Maryland Wine Festival

Sept 19-20 Maryland Wine Festival, Farm Museum, Westminster. This time we will need your help, in the Wine-Ed tent or with the amateur wine judging. And yes, you get in free if you volunteer. Forms are in the mail as we speak. Please get these back to me as soon as you can. If you didn't get one and you want to volunteer, please call me ASAP.

1999 schedule:

Um, don't have one. It's time to start thinking (and volunteering) for this. So far Jeff Arch has raised his hand for February, we'll do March as usual, but I haven't heard from anybody else.

1998 schedule (what's left of it):

- Sep /3 / Nestorick / Eisberg / Italian wines
- Oct /8 / Grillon / Johnston / National Zin tasting
- Nov 8 / White / White / Rating Rating Scales
- Dec /3 / Blosveren / Blosveren-Landon/ Champagne

We finally got the notice from the National about the National tasting, Zinfandels, sounded good to us, so we'll do it in October at the Grillon's. Mae to Nestorick's on other side. Please call them by Sept 9 to insure your place. Data below.

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WHEN: Sep 13, 1998,2:00 pm
 WHERE: Rob & Doreen Nestorick
 WHAT: Italian wines (Bill Eisberg, host)

Food contributions are always welcome

Call by September 9, please

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Other stuff of interest:

On the day before this tasting, Sept 12, go to Cranberry Mall. The Community Foundation of Carroll County, together with a number of other local charitable organizations, is doing a "Circus at the Mall." Lots of fun for the whole family and the proceeds benefit a number of organizations. No wine, alas. I don't have a program or anything, but there will be games, entertainment ana fooo. Runs from 10 am to 8 pm.



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SEPTEMBER 1998 -Italian Wines

Now, you'll have to bear with me on this -just got a new computer system, and I haven't got a clue! This is a pretty sobering experience for somebody who spent the better part of her working life in the computer biz.

Anyway, super tasting this month, in spite of the absence of the wine host. Rob Nestorick did a fine job of filling in and everybody enjoyed the wines. Which were:

- 96 Panvinio Soave (\$5) -Warmup
- 97 Campanile Pinot Grigio (\$9)
- 97 Trentino Pinot Grigio (\$13)
- 95 Querceto Chianti (\$8)
- 95 San Leonino Chianti Classico (\$12)
- 95 Dolcetto Di Diano D'Alba (\$15)
- 94 Corino Barolo (\$34) (!!!!)

The Nestorick's daughter, Renee, who is an aspiring caterer, provided much of the food fare; the presentations were lovely and the food was excellent. She should have much success in this business.

The "favorite" votes were for the Corino Barolo for the red (this was before everybody found out what it cost); the two pinot grigios were nearly tied for the favorite of the whites, with the Trentino nudging out the Campanile by only one vote.

Thanks to Rob and Doreen for hosting -their house is in a lovely woodsy setting, and everyone enjoyed sitting outside on their deck after the tasting, in spite of the heat.

By the time you get this, the Maryland Wine Festival will have been a done deal. Thanks to all for your help. But remember, we are harvesting Oct 3 -4, and we will appreciate all the help we can get. If we get enough pickers, what we will need from you is management help. And if we don't, then bring your shears. Show up as early as you can (like 8:30 am -argh). We provide lunch

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1999 Schedule

Date / house / Wine host / Topic

- Jan / Wilson / Rachele / Sherry
- Feb/ Arch / Arch / White Burgundy
- Mar / Johnston / Johnston / _____
- Apr / _____ / _____ / _____
- May / _____ / Rachele / Summer whites
- June / _____ / _____ / _____
- July / _____ / PICNIC?
- Aug/ _____ / _____ / _____
- Sep / _____ / _____ / _____
- Oct/ _____ / _____ / _____
- Nov/ _____ / _____ / _____
- Dec / Blosveren / _____ / Champagne

Hmmm -lots of blank spaces there, folks. Help me fill them up.

1998 schedule

- Oct 18/ Grillon / Johnston / National Zin Tasting
- Nov 8 / White / White / Rating rating scales
- Dec 13 / Blosveren / Blosveren-Landon / Champagne

Next Tasting:

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WHEN: Oct 18, 1998 2:00 pm
 WHERE: George & Jackie Grillon
 WHAT: National Tasting (Zinfandel)
 (Jack Johnston, wine host)
 Food Contributions are always welcome
 Call by Oct 14 at the latest, please

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OCTOBER, 1998 -Zinfandels (National Tasting)

The National Zinfandel tasting at the Grillons was a great success. Not only did we taste the wines and enjoy the treats, but the Grillons saddled up one of their horses ("Merlin") and many of us took turns riding this big Belgian around their yard We had fun today, but tomorrow we will be sore.

Here are the wines:

- Amador Foothill 1997 White Zinfandel (\$5.99)
warm-up
- Ravenswood 1996 (\$12.99)
- Kendall Jackson 1995 (\$14.99)
- Beringer 1994 (North Coast) (\$10.99)
- Kenwood 1996 (Sonoma) (\$13.99)
- Quivira 1994 (Dry Creek) (\$14.99)
- Rodney Strong "Old Vines" 1995 (Sonoma) (\$16.49)

[We note, in typing this in, that our word processor does not find spelling faults with The KJ, Kenwood, or Rodney Strong, but has underlined the others with nasty red lines.]

After the tasting we took our usual vote of the favorites with the note that the highest score does not necessarily reflect the individual favorite. With that in mind, the favorite -with 9 votes -was the Rodney Strong, followed by the Quivira with 7 and the Kenwood with 4.

Our thanks to George and Jackie (and Merlin) for a fun afternoon.

Max White tells me that the "Rating Ratings" tasting next month will consist of a blind tasting of some wines scored by the Wine Spectator (or "Speculator" as we like to call it), in order to see if we rate them the way they rate them. Sounds interesting. Please note that the date is a week earlier than usual, in order to accommodate the National Conference.

Harvest is over, thank goodness. Thanks to all for your help -especially on Sunday when it had the temerity to rain. We shipped out a total of 15.7 tons, and the gleaners (you know who you are) collected nearly another ton. Finally we can relax for a while.

1999 Schedule

Date / house / Wine host / Topic

- Jan / Wilson / Rachele / Sherry
- Feb// Arch / White Burgundy
- Mar / Johnston / Johnston /
- Apr / Brown /Bill & Bill /Amarone
- May / Benzil / Rachele / Summer whites
- June ///
- July / Wood / PICNIC ----
- Aug ///
- Sep // /-----
- Oct / Grillon //
- Nov ///
- Dec / Blosveren / _____/Champagne

There are still some blank spaces there, folks. Help me fill them up. Note That Jeff Arch has abdicated as house host (but not wine host) for February, so we need to fill in that blank: as well. (He pleaded new baby, understandably). We might want to consider another winery tour for August, as we did this year. Suggestions welcome.

1998 schedule

- Nov 8 / White / White / Rating rating scales
- Dec 13 / Blosveren / Blosveren-Landon / Champagne

Next Tasting:

WHEN: Nov 8, 1998:00 pm
WHERE: Max & Ann White
WHAT: "Rating Rating Scales"

Food Contributions are always welcome

Call by Nov 4 at the latest, please



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NOVEMBER 1998 -Rating Rating Scales

Now, this is the kind of tasting that makes you sit up and take notice. Max White's premise was that we would evaluate wines already rated by The Wine Spectator, and see if we -as a group -agreed with their assessment. He chose six wines : two chardonnays, two zinfandels and two cabernets. One of each pair had been rated by TWS in the range 90 -95 ("outstanding"), and the other in the range 80 -89 ("very good"). That's essentially all the information we had, going into this.

We tasted the wines blind, side by side, rated them, discussed them, and then took a poll. We asked the group for their ratings, then asked them what they thought TWS rated them, and then asked for their favorite of the two. Now, this was real interesting, because what people liked did not necessarily agree with either their own ratings or those of the Spectator. Tasting the wines in pairs also made the exercise more informative.

Here are the wines:

- Souverain Chardonnay, 1996 (\$14)
- Glen Ellen Chardonnay 1997 (\$7)
- Dunwood Zinfandel 1996 (\$8)
- Ridge Zinfandel 1995 (\$26)
- Robert Mondavi Cabernet (Napa) (\$22)
- BV Coastal Cabernet 1995 (\$10)

And here's what everybody thought: The "us" scores are an average, based on our standard 20-point scale.

Wine	TWS	Us	#fav
1	90	16	11
2	81	13	4
3	82	10	0
4	92	15	15 (100%)
5	90	16	5
6	84	14	10

Using a linear extrapolation formula,
 $TWS = 512 AWS + 50$
 all but two of our scores (# 3 & 4) agreed closely with theirs.

Our thanks to Max and Ann for their hospitality and a most interesting and informative tasting. We hope this

will encourage others to come up with innovative tasting programs.

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Date | House | Wine host | Topic

- Jan 17 / Wilson / Rachele / Sherry
- Feb 21 / _____ Arch /White Burgundy
- Mar 21 /Johnston /Johnston / _____
- Apr 18 /Brown /Bill & Bill/ Amarone
- May 16 / Benzil / Rachele /Summer whites
- Jun 20 / _____ / _____ / _____
- Jul 18 / Wood 1 PICNIC -----
- Aug 15 / Winery-vineyard tour?
- Sep 19 / Nestorick / _____ / _____
- Oct 17 / Grillon/ _____
- Nov 7 / Kersey / Eisberg / _____
- Dec 12/ Blosveren / _____ / Champagne

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Note: A membership list is enclosed Please check your listing, and forward corrections and/or additions to Walt Rachele, our Secretary.

Next Tasting: The final tasting for the year is our annual fizzy bash. This is as much as party as a tasting. We put our jeans away and wear something a little fancier, and everyone is asked to bring something for the table. You can get fancy there too, if you want to show off a little.

WHEN: Dec 13, 1998 2:00 pm
 WHERE: Richard & Carmen Blosveren
 WHAT: Champagne Tasting

Please bring something for the table

Call by Dec 9 at the latest, please