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January 6, 2006—

Wow! Fifty-six people for the Champagne extravaganza! Who'd've thought that many bodies could fit in the Blosverens' house? John Landon's presentation, as usual, was stunning. Of course, no one heard him after his announcement of the first bubbly. Interesting observation: In the opinion of most folks polled, the favorite sparkler was the least dry. A nimble-fingered Emily Johnston accompanied an enthusiastic caroling crowd in the basement "auditorium". Kudos and appreciative clapping and stomping of feet to the Blosverens for their hospitality.

The next wine tasting will be at the home of Barb and Bill Brown on Sunday, January 15th at 2:00 pm. Walt Rachele, our resident Port expert—just ask him!—will be presenting "Anything but Porto". Expect a cost of \$25/person. Please call the Browns by January 11th if you would like to attend. Please bring a dish to share—some of us have been lax.

Sparkling Wines

Order	Wine	Prices	Votes
1	Wolf Blass Sparkling Brut NV (Australia)	\$11	0
2	Robert Schlumberger Brut 2001 (Austria/Argentina: Catena grapes)	20	1
3	Gruet Rosé NV (New Mexico)	15	0
4	"J" Brut Rosé NV (Russian River Valley, California)	35	11
5	Nicolas Feuillatte Rosé NV (Épernay, France)	36	10
6	"J" Brut 1999	35	14
7	Deutz Brut Classic NV (Ay, France)	42	6
8	Nicolas Feuillatte Cuvée Speciale 1995	66	5

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National Tasting Project—Anyone interested in participating should call for particulars.

AWS Educational Fund Baskets honoring the memory of Joe and Nattie Wood were awarded—Thanks to all for the \$800 raised so far for the AWS Educational Fund, which provides scholarships for aspiring young oenologists.



AWS T-shirts—Emily Johnston will have the AWS-Logo T-shirts you ordered at the tasting. Bring money: men's T's, \$11; ladies' T's \$14.

Date	House	Wine Host	Topic
01/15	Brown	Rachele	Any but Porto
02/19	Grillon	Stewart	Wine for Lovers
03/19	Johnston	Johnston	???
04/16	Brown	Wilson	Rich or Pour?
05/21		Slick	???
06/18	Pardoe		
07/16	Grillon	Everyone	Annual Picnic
08/20			
09/10			
9/16,17	Farm Mus.	MWF	MWF
10/15		Parker	???
11/19	Evans		
12/10	Blosveren	Landon	Champagne



"...another good resolution: Don't let wine critics make decisions for you in 2006. It's useful to listen to advice from a variety of sources, but the only palate that's important is your own. Trust it."

—Dorothy J. Gaiter & John Brecher

See you at the Browns'...



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February 8, 2006—

Walt began with a few drops of a 1997 Taylor Fladgate Porto to give us a baseline for this non-Porto tasting. He had us trying to match state of origin and published descriptions (Do we ever agree with those?!) with the various Ports he presented. We had a lot of fun. I don't remember whether anyone got a prize, but one or two folks did better than the rest of us—which is sort of like saying, "In the land of the blind, the one-eyed siren is queen!"—or something like that. Thanks to the Browns for hosting this event.

The National Tasting Project presented by Pat and Walt at the Eisbergs' (Barb & Bill, that is) was

The next wine tasting will be at the home of Jackie & George Grillon on Sunday, February 19th at 2:00 pm. The Stewarts will be presenting "Wine for Lovers"—think Greek (Eros comes to mind!). Please call the Grillons by February 15th if you would like to attend. Please bring something to share that might go with the wines.

War of the Ports or "Where in the World...?"

Order	Wine	Prices
W	Banfi Summus 5 L 1999 (Sangiovese/Cabemet Sauvignon/Syrah)	\$400
1	Boordy 375 mL NV (Cabemet Sauvignon/Cabemet Franc) Maryland	16
2	Ficklin Old Vine Tinta Port NV (Traditional) California	16
3	Belleview Winery 500 mL 2002 (Port) New Jersey	15
4	Stone Hill 500 mL 2000 (Norton) Missouri	20
5	Pedroncelli 500 mL 2000 (Estate Vintage Port) Sonoma, California	16
6	Marietta Lot #1 375 mL NV (Port) California	13
7	Walt/Bill Homemade 1993 (Cabernet Sauvignon) Virginia	priceless

pretty interesting! The twelve of us there pretty much agreed with the results compiled by AWS for the "real" National Tasting (check the recent AWS publication of the results), which was that we prefer to drink wine from just-opened bottles rather than decanting for long periods of time.

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Passing on—It is with a sad heart I must tell you of the passing of the father of Nan Slick. Let us all lift a glass of good wine to John Slick. Our thoughts are with you, Nan.



From Charles Franklin—A Premier Wine Tasting Benefit for the American Cancer Society on April 2, 2006: www.tasteforlife.org.

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02/19	Grillon	Stewart	Wine for Lovers
03/19	Johnston	Johnston	???
04/16	Brown	Wilson	Rich or Pour?
05/21	Barbour	Slick	???
06/18	Pardoe	Fiola	???
07/16	Grillon	Everyone	Annual Picnic
08/20	Evans	Eisberg	???
09/10			
9/16,17	Farm Mus.	MWF	MWF
10/15	Barbour	Parker	???
11/19	Evans	Eisberg	???
12/10	Blosveren	Landon	Champagne



"Wine is love in a glass!"

—LeRoy E. Stewart

See you at the Grillons'...

An Important Message from Jack Johnston—

All the Maryland Wineries Association members have been notified, as well as the Grape Growers Association. This could have a serious impact on the wine scene in Maryland. The entire wine industry in Virginia is in turmoil over this issue. Thanks.

Jack

The following is from Kevin Atticks, Executive Director of the Maryland Wineries Association, on a matter of immediate concern—

Dear MGGA Members,

I'm writing on behalf of the Maryland wineries and the Maryland Wineries Association to request your support AND ACTION in order to save small, farm wineries in the State.

As a result of a recent lawsuit by a PA winery attempting to open MD's laws to direct-to-consumer wine shipment, Maryland's Comptroller has struck down a law that allows Maryland wineries to sell and deliver wines to retail stores and restaurants, effective March 31.

Maryland wineries rely on this ability, and many will suffer great losses; others will close. This action by the Comptroller has the potential to shrink the industry in half, harming the many MGGA members who sell grapes commercially to the wineries.

By striking the law, it will now be mandated that wineries use wholesalers – who historically are not interested in small producers (those without great market share, and without sufficient inventory). Wholesalers demand a 35-40% margin – forcing wineries to raise their prices, or face greatly diminished returns.

The MWA will be submitting legislation on Monday in the Senate and Friday in the House – the legislation would create a small winery self-distribution license, allowing MD wineries (and small wineries from out-of-state) to deliver their wines to retail stores and restaurants.

MWA has designed a section of www.MarylandWine.com that describes the lawsuit, the laws affected, and how MGGA members can help. We'll be updating the site regularly. Plus, the MWA is contacting media this week to ensure coverage of the issue.

YOUR SUPPORT IN CONTACTING YOUR ELECTED STATE OFFICIALS is essential to keeping the Maryland wine industry vibrant and growing. Virginia's legislature, faced with the same issue, ruled against the wineries last week – illustrating just how much we need your support.

Talking points, all of the info mentioned above, as well as links to legislator contact info can be found here:

<http://www.marylandwine.com/mwa/laws/industry/index.shtml>

Thanks for your support and action -- and please be in touch if you have questions or concerns.

Kevin

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March 9, 2006—

Well, this tasting was an eyeopener! A lot of folks think Retsina when they hear mention made of Greek wines. None of these was Retsina and each made a favorable impression. Dionysus and Eros would approve of us lovers of wine and each other. Perhaps the virtual tie of the Atlantis Red with the Gerovassiliou Syrah was in part due to Yours Truly's hype of the Aegean island of Thera (Santorini)—the likely source of the legend of Atlantis when 50 cubic miles of it blew skyward more than 3600 years ago. Thanks to the Grillons for hosting this event (the tasting, that is—not the explosion!).

The next wine tasting will be at the home of Jack and Emily Johnston on Sunday, March 19th at 2:00 pm. The Johnstons will be presenting "Phoney Rhonies"—non-Rhones from the 3 major Rhone varieties: Syrah, Grenache and Mourvedre. Please call the Johnstons by March 15th if you would like to attend. Please bring something to share that might go with the wines.

Wine for Lovers

Order	Wine	Prices
W	Biblia Chora Areti 2004 (Assyrtiko)	\$19
1	Kir-Yianni Paranga 2003 (Xinomavro, Aghiorgitiko)	9
2	Mercouri Antares 2003 (Mourvedre, Avgoustiatis)	23
3	Lafazanis St. George 2004 (Aghiorgitiko)	11
4	Gerovassiliou 2002 (Syrah)	13
5	Kir-Yianni Ramnista 2000 (Xinomavro)	23
6	Argyros Atlantis Red 2003 (Mandelaria)	17

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Passing on—Condolences to John Jamison for the recent loss of his mother.



From Charles Franklin—A Premier Wine Tasting Benefit for the American Cancer Society on April 2, 2006: www.tasteforlife.org.



From Emily Johnston—If you don't claim your AWS T-shirt by this meeting, it will be sold to anyone who wants it!



Date	House	Wine Host	Topic
03/19	Johnston	Johnston	Phoney Rhonies
04/16?	Brown	Wilson	Rich or Pour?
05/21	Barbour	Slick	???
06/18	Pardoe	Fiola	???
07/16	Grillon	Everyone	Annual Picnic
08/20	Evans	Eisberg	???
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March 29, 2006—

At our 26th Anniversary Tasting, Jack's presentation of Rhone-style wines from around the world, including an authentic Côtes du Rhône from the eponymous French river valley, was informative, as usual. An interesting variation was a comparison of the No. 6 wine, containing Syrah and Mourvèdre, with the same wine after the addition of Grenache to the remains in the tasting glass. The consensus was that the Grenache smoothed out the wine. It was preferred almost 3:1. Once again there were two favorites (see table below). Thanks to the Johnstons for hosting quite a crowd!

The next wine tasting will be at the home of Barb and Bill Brown on Sunday, April 9th at 2:00 pm. The Wilsons will be presenting "Rich or Pour?" Please call the Browns by April 5th if you would like to attend. Space is limited, so call soon. The cost will likely be \$15-\$20. Don't forget to bring something for the table.

CCAWS 26th Anniversary Tasting—Phoney Rhoneys

Order	Wine	[G=Grenache/S=Syrah/M=Mourvèdre]	Prices
W	La Vieille Ferme Luberon (Grenache Blanc, Bourboulenc, Ugni Blanc, Roussanne) 1.5L		\$13
1	Domaine du Bois de St. Jean Côtes du Rhône 2003 (G50/S30/M15)—The Real McCoy		12
2	G-Red 2003 California (S70/G12/M10)		21
3	Fairview Goats do Roam 2004 South Africa		9
4	Bonny Doon Le Cigare Volant 2001 California (G34/S33/M27)		35
5	Langmeil 3 Gardens 2004 Australia (S48/G42/M10)		17
6	Penfold Syrah/Mourvèdre 2004 Australia (S81/M19)		14
6a	No. 6 + Grenache— <i>preferred by our crowd almost 3:1 over No. 6</i>		—

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Passing on—Our hearts go out to Peg Michaelson on the loss of her beloved father, Andrew A. Delaney on March 21, 2006 at age 85.



From Charles Franklin—A Premier Wine Tasting Benefit for the American Cancer Society on April 2, 2006: www.tasteforlife.org. Click the "Auction" button and then the "Auction Lots" button for a listing of the auction lots.



Keep pressure on MD legislators—Keep checking the Maryland Wineries Association web site, www.marylandwine.com/mwa/laws/peril.shtml, for updates and how you can participate in legislative relief for wine distribution by wineries.

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04/09	Brown	Wilson	Rich or Pour?
05/21	Barbour	Slick	???
06/18	Pardoe	Fiola	???
07/16	Grillon	Everyone	Annual Picnic
08/20	Evans	Eisberg	???
09/10			
9/16.17	Farm Mus.	MWF	MWF
10/15	Barbour	Parker	???
11/19	Evans	Eisberg	???
12/10	Blosveren	Landon	Champagne



See you at the Browns...



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May 11, 2006—

Well! Becky had us going!! She had us tasting blind. What grape variety is it? Or, is it a blend? Has it been oaked? French or American? Malolactic fermentation? What country? All three whites from the same country? Same question for the three reds. <gasp> What does she want from us?! Oh, yes—can we rank them in price order? As you can see from the table below, she set us up. The whites were all Chardonnay, the reds were all Cabernet Sauvignon and they were all

The next wine tasting will be at the home of Sue and Michael Barbour on Sunday, May 21st at 2:00 pm. Nan Slick will be presenting "MWWWW"—that would be "More Wild, Wonderful, Wacky Whites". Please call the Barbours by May 17th if you would like to attend. The cost will likely be \$15-\$20. Don't forget to bring something for the table.

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Rich or Pour: Can you taste the money?

Order	Wine	Prices
W	[There <i>was</i> a warmup and it was good—Prez' notes are lacking!]	\$?
1	Wolf Blass Chardonnay 2003	10
2	Wolf Blass Presidential 2003 \ \ tied for best white	13
3	Wolf Blass Gold Label 2004 // tied for best white	22
4	Wolf Blass Grey Label 2002 \ \ tied for best red	46
5	Wolf Blass Yellow Label 2003 // tied for best red	10
6	Wolf Blass Gold Label 2002	24

from Wolf Blass of Australia. It was a lot of fun! And, informative. Thanks, Becky.



BV Donating to Chesapeake Bay Trust—Becky Wilson informed us that Beaulieu Vineyards will donate \$1 to the Chesapeake Bay Trust for every case of their wine MD consumers purchase April–June of this year. They are committed to at least \$10,000!



Date	House	Wine Host	Topic
05/21	Barbour	Slick	MWWWW
06/18	Pardoe	Fiola	???
07/16	Grillon	Everyone	Annual Picnic
08/20	Evans	Eisberg	???
09/10			
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See you at the Barbours'



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June 9, 2006—

A tag team for white wines? You betcha! Nan Slick and Betty Kreder played well off each other and the rest of us tasters, with a little competition from the wind. These wines were widely varied in taste and origin and all nice. Austria, Germany, Italy, Sicily and California were well-represented. Thanks, Nan and Betty, for a wonderful presentation. Thanks again to the Barbour's for putting up with us!



Last Month!—BV Donating to Chesapeake Bay Trust—Beaulieu Vineyards will donate

The next wine tasting will be at the home of Deborah and John Pardoe on Sunday, June 18th at 2:00 pm. Joe Fiola and/or John Pardoe will be presenting "Italians—Red and White, but no Green". Please call the Pardoes by June 14th if you would like to attend. The cost will likely be \$15–\$20. Don't forget to bring something for the table.

Wild, Wacky, Wonderful Whites—Part 2

Order	Wine	Prices
W	Steininger Sekt Sparkling (Austria)	\$19
1	Thüngersheim Silvaner Kabinett 2004 (Germany)	16
2	Pojer & Sandri Müller-Thurgau 2003 (Italy)	19
3	Cusumano Insolia 2004 (Sicily)	12
4	Correggia Roero Arneis 2004 (Italy) [9 votes]	17
5	Qupe Bien Nacido Hillside Estate Roussanne 2003 (California) [5 votes]	45
6	Huber Eiswein 2002 (Austria) [5 votes]	38

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G. Hamilton Mowbray Fund awards Al Kacsur Scholarship—The recipient for a \$3000 scholarship in memory of Al Kacsur will be awarded from our own G. Hamilton Mowbray Fund.



Passing on—It is with sincere regret that we report the sudden and untimely death of 18-year-old Brian J. Evans, grandson of our dear friends, Michael and Mary Evans. Brian died June 1st, 2006 in a tragic auto accident.

Date	House	Wine Host	Topic
06/18	Pardoe	Fiola	Italians-R&W-no G
07/16	Grillon	Everyone	Annual Picnic
08/20	Evans	Eisberg	???
09/10	Brown	Brown	???
9/16,17	Farm Mus.	MWF	MWF
10/15	Barbour	Parker	???
11/19	Evans	Eisberg	???
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July 9, 2006—

A good time was had by all at the “Italians—Red and White, but no Green” tasting at the Pardoes—or so I’ve heard! The prez’ and secretary’s unavoidable absences were probably unnoted until now. Joe’s presentation was informative as usual. We would expect no less! The warmup was a big hit—especially after everyone discovered the price. *Re* prices: Check with John Pardoe or the usual suspects if you really want to know.



The CCAWS Annual Picnic will be at the home of Jackie and George Grillon on Sunday, July 16th at 2:00 pm. Please reserve your spot at the Grillons’ home by calling them by July 12. Directions to the Grillons’ home are on the back. Bring your family, lawn chairs, swim suits, tennis rackets, a bottle or two, a side dish to share and \$5.00/adult for burgers, dogs and condiments.

Italians—Red and White, but no Green

Order	Wine
W	Monte Schiavo Verdicchio 2004
1	Alta Vista Grillo 2004
2	Biagina La Maestro Vernaccai 2004
3	La Macolina Albana Di Romagna 2004
4	Aurelio Settino Dolecetto di Alba 2003
5	Valdifalco Morellino di Scansano 2003
6	Monte Schiavo Adeodato Montepulciano D’Arruzzo 2002

AWS National Conference Room Captains Needed—Those of you who “don’t take no guff” and are interested in being room captains at the AWS Annual Conference in November should be getting in touch with Anna Stewart. Anna wants to have a training session sometime in October. Those who have volunteered so far are Edie Ann Feigles, John Pardoe, Carmen & Richard Blosveren, Barb Eisberg, Mary & Mike Evans and Sue & Michael Barbour.



Date	House	Wine Host	Topic
07/16	Grillon	Everyone	Annual Picnic
08/20	Evans	Eisberg	???
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See you at the Grillons’...



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August 8, 2006—

We had a really good time at the Grillons', but could somebody, please, have done something about the \$#@*! heat? Horseshoes, anyone? That was fun! Good food! Good conversation! And, of course, good wine! Thanks, yet again, to the Grillons for the use of their home—and their pool for our annual picnic!!



AWS National Conference Room Captains Still Needed

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You may have noticed that the type in this newsletter is unusually large. You might think this is due to the paucity of material in this issue. You would be correct!

The August tasting will be presented by Bill Eisberg at the home of Mary and Mike Evans on Sunday, August 20th at 2:00 pm. Bill’s topic will be Rosé. Please reserve your spot at the Evans’ home by calling them by August 16. Directions to the Evans’ home are on the back. Don’t forget to bring a side dish to share. The Evans also are encouraging us to bring our swim suits for an after-presentation dip.

Date	House	Wine Host	Topic
08/20	Evans	Eisberg	Rosé
09/10	Brown	Brown	???
9/16,17	Farm Mus.	MWF	MWF
10/15	Barbour	Parker	???
11/19	Evans	Eisberg	???
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August 31, 2006—

Bill Eisberg presented us with a very nice collection of Rosés from around the world. There was a broad palette of flavors. The weather wasn't sure it wanted to cooperate. It was very hot—then it rained—then it stopped! As usual—good conversation, good wine and good food. Thanks to the Evanses for having us over. They were good sports—and most of the water stayed in the pool.



Chapter Chair for Next 2 Years??—Who will it be? Have you served your time? Would you consider it again? Yours Truly's term is up at the end of December. If you are

The next wine tasting will be at the home of Mary and Mike Evans on Sunday, September 10th at 2:00 pm. Becky Wilson will be presenting the 2006 AWS National Tasting Project—"Sauvignon Blanc in All Its Glory". Pat Valas will be offering instruction on the AWS rating system (*available at ccaws.net under "Documents"*). Please call the Evanses by September 6th if you would like to attend. Don't forget to bring something for the table.

Rosé Wines Around the World

Order	Wine	Votes	Prices
W	River's Tale Sunset Red Rosé 2005(South Africa)	2	\$9
1	Vinum It's Okay Rosé 2005 (Oakville, California)	0	12
2	Paul Jaboulet Aine Parallele "45" Rosé 2004 (Côtes du Rhône, France)	4	11
3	La Rosée de Pavie Bordeaux Rosé 2005 (Bordeaux, France)	5	14
4	Turkey Flat Rosé 2005 (Barossa Valley, Australia)	15	19
5	Monarchia Cellars Rosé 2004 (Hungary)	0	12
6	Gruet Sparkling Brut Rosé NV (New Mexico)	0	15

interested, please let me know AYEC.



Another Field Trip to Virginia, Anyone?

In deference to the wine-tasting hordes, the Virginia Wine Growers Association has moved the Annual Festival to the weekend of September 30/October 1—later in the Fall and, hopefully, cooler. Once again Cranberry Liquors and College Square Liquors have agreed to support another trip across the Potomac Ocean into Leesburg, on Sunday, October 1st. To assist in determining if this party bus is gonna roll, please call Walt to reserve a spot. We anticipate that the cost will remain at \$50 per person with the usual refreshments on the bus and ticket price included. We need at least 35 reserved seats to make this a go. www.vwga.org for more information.

Date	House	Wine Host	Topic
09/10	Evans	Wilson	National Tasting
9/16,17	Farm Mus.	MWF	MWF
10/15	Barbour	Parker	???
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October 5, 2006—

September found our group at the Evans' once again. Many thanks to Mary and Mike for having us back. Pat Valas started the meeting by running us through our scoring paces using a glass of water. Becky Wilson wine-hosted the national tasting (Sauvignon Blanc) with a twist. First, we tasted through and voted using the national guidelines; then we went back and tasted a second time to see how we felt about the wines when we knew a little more about them. The clear winner for best wine was easily the 2005 Ferrari-Carano Fume Blanc Sonoma County—*Becky*



The next wine tasting will be at the home of Sue and Michael Barbour on Sunday, October 15th at 2:00 pm. Penee Parker will be presenting "The Judgment of Paris," celebrating the 30th anniversary of the famous 1976 blind tasting held in Paris of red Bordeaux vs CA and white Burgundy vs CA. Expect the cost to be \$25. Please call the Barbours by October 11th if you would like to attend. Don't forget to bring something for the table.

AWS National Tasting Project—Sauvignon Blanc in All Its Glory!

Order	Wine	Votes	Prices
W	Rancho Zabaco Dancing Bull 2004		\$10
1	2004 St. Supery Sauvignon Blanc, Napa, CA		15.5
2	2005 Babich Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand		14
3	2005 Veramonte Sauvignon Blanc, Casablanca Valley, Chile		10
4	2005 Casa LaPostolle, Rapel, Chile		14
5	2003 Pascal Jolivet Attitude, Sancerre, France		15
6	2005 Ferrari-Carano Fume Blanc, Sonoma County, CA		16

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9/16/17	Fam Mus.	MWF	MWF
10/15	Barbour	Parker	The Judgment of Paris
11/19	Evans	Bareford	Amarone
12/10	Blosveren	Landon	Champagne
1/21/07	Brown	Rachele	Regions You Won't Believe
2/18/07	???	Eisberg	???
3/18/07	Johnston	Johnston	???
4/15/07	Brown	Wilson/Brown	???
5/20/07	Barbour	Slick	???
6/17/07	Pardoe	???	???
7/15/07	Gillon	All	Picnic
8/19/07	Evans	Wilson	But Can They Make Wine?
9/9/07	Barbour	Stewart	Maryland Reds
9/?/07	Fam Mus.	MWF	MD Wines
10/21/07	Miller	Parker	???
11/18/07	Evans	Eisberg	???
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Chapter Chair for the Next 2 Years!?!—Who will it be? Have you served your time? Would you consider it again? Yours Truly's term is up at the end of December. If you are interested, please let me know AYEC.



See you at the Barbours'

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November 8, 2006—

An adventure into the past, to a moment when the Great and Powerful axis-of-arrogance-member, **France**, went *tête à tête* against the Small and Meek **California**, in an unlikely, but historic coup d'état that sent the French wine market reeling and Napa real estate soaring. A fine day it was back then and was again at the Barbours'. Thanks to Pennee and John for a fine presentation; to Nan, Betty and Cranberry Liquors for their support; and to Mike and Susan for their lovely, sunny venue—Oh, yes—and a surprise visit from Tammy Kacsur, visiting us from Florida to see the old gang again. A lovely day!—*Dean*

The next wine tasting will be at the home of Mary and Mike Evans on Sunday, November 19th at 2:00 pm. Michael Bareford will be presenting "Amarone". Expect the cost to approach \$25. Please call the Evanses by November 15th if you would like to attend. Don't forget to bring something for the table.

Membership Matters—The end of the year approaches and that leads to thoughts of renewing memberships(!?). Do

The Judgment of Paris

Order	Wine	Votes	Prices
W	William Fevre Champs Royaux Chablis	8	\$20
1	2004 Chateau Montelena Chardonnay, California <favorite white>	13	39
2	2002 Joseph Drouhin Clos des Mouches, Beaune	4	76
3	2000 Château Larrivet-Haut-Brion, Pessac-Léognan	4	45
4	1998 Joseph Phelps Insignia, California <favorite red>	13	110
5	1998 Château Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande, Pauillac	5	90
6	2003 Ridge Monte Bello Vineyard, California	5	128

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November 28, 2006—

Michael Bareford gave a most informative presentation. I even took notes, although I never got around to really scoring the wines. They were all good. There's nothing quite like Amarone (means "big bitter" in Italian) although with age, they can pick up some port-like qualities. They come from Valpolicella, in the province of Verona, which is a wet region, so harvests often go into November. Amarone is made primarily from Corvina Veronese, Rondinella and Molinara (in that order)—and sometimes some Sangiovese (hey! one I recognize!). After harvest, the grapes are dried 3-4 months, losing 33-40% of their weight, and then are gently pressed before undergoing extended fermentation. The final result is a complex, velvety, rich-but-not-heavy wine unlike any other that can easily lay down 10-15 years—some, 30-70 years.—*John L.*

The next wine tasting will be at the home of Carmen and Richard Blossveren on Sunday, December 10th at 2:00 pm. John Landon will host our annual Bubbly Bash. Expect the cost to be \$25. Please call the Blossverens by December 6th if you would like to attend. Nicer attire is the norm! Please, don't forget to bring something for the table.

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Amarone			
Order	Wine	Votes	Prices
W	Zenato Ripassa 2003		\$25
1	Santi Amarone 2002 (donated by Mary & Mike)	2	priceless
2	Masi Costasera Classico 2003 (donated by Mary & Mike)	2	priceless
3	Allegrini Amarone Classico 2001	5	75
4	Zenato Amarone Classico 2001	10	60
5	Bertani Amarone Classico 1998	6	90



Passing on—We extend our condolences to Niki Nicholson on the loss of her sister and to Bill and Dick Eisberg on the loss of their mother. Our thoughts are with each of you and yours.

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American Wine Society (\$57/year—for convenient, on-line management of your membership, visit www.AmericanWineSociety.org) and this chapter (\$10/year—see John Landon, our helpful, congenial treasurer). Remember that the drop-dead date is March 2, after which your membership drops dead until resurrected with the requisite \$67. I know some of you would like to make one payment to CCAWS and have us manage your AWS membership, but that overly complicates things for us and might force us to pay our treasurer with more than just compliments and gratitude!



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