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January 11, 2007—

This was a different Champagne tasting! It was blind—well—the bottles were blind—er—we couldn't see the labels—you get my drift. The tastes varied widely, but there were two clear favorites as you can see by the table below. Thanks to John and Betty and all the rest who contributed to our education in things bubbly. Thanks also to the Blossverens for once again putting up with all of us and providing a venue for all those Christmas Carols that just had to be sung!



Passing on—We extend our condolences to the Wilsons on the loss of Becky's mother. Our thoughts are with you and yours.



The next wine tasting will be at the home of Barb and Bill Brown on Sunday, January 21st at 2:00 pm. Walt Rachele will host "Regions You Won't Believe!". Please call the Browns by January 17th if you would like to attend. Please, don't forget to bring something for the table.

IMPORTANT! PLEASE, READ!!

Membership Matters—Do not let your membership (due January 1) in CCAWS lapse because you forgot to renew your member-

| Bubbly Bash | | | |
|-------------|--|-----------|-----------|
| Order | Wine | Votes | Prices |
| W | Gloria Ferrer Brut Rosé 2003 | | \$31 |
| 1 | Iron Horse Blanc de Blancs 1998 | 2 | 39 |
| 2 | Roederer Estate Brut Rosé NV | 0 | 34 |
| 3 | Iron Horse Russian Cuvée 2000 | 1 | 33 |
| 4 | Brundlmayer Brut 2002 | 14 | 37 |
| *5* | Gloria Ferrer Carneros Cuvée 1996 | 16 | 50 |
| 6 | Iron Horse Blanc de Blancs LD 1996 | 0 | 65 |

| Date | House | Wine Host | Topic |
|----------|---|--------------|-------------------------|
| 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 | Grillon | All | Picnic |
| 8/19/07 | Evans | Wilson | But Can They Make Wine? |
| 9/9/07 | Barbour | Stewart | Maryland Reds |
| 9/?/07 | Maryland Wine Festival at the Farm Museum | | |
| 10/21/07 | Miller | Parker | ??? |
| 11/18/07 | Evans | Eisberg | ??? |
| 12/?/07 | Blossveren | Landon | Champagne |

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February 3, 2007—

There were 25 at the tasting and everyone was on their good behavior. It really was a wonderful day and Pat and Walt did a great job.

One item we should address: too many of us say we are coming and then do not show up. This is especially a problem when calls have been made after the stated deadline for the tasting, accommodations are made and then: no appearance. This wreaks havoc with logistics and often results in a more expensive tasting for those in attendance. We understand that things happen—people get sick, etc., but there were no-shows that didn't bother calling. We had 33 RSVP and only 25 came.



Wine Hosts: Tasting Topics, Please!

| Regions You Won't Believe! | | | |
|----------------------------|---|----------|-----------|
| Order | Wine | Votes | Prices |
| W | Dry Creek Reserve 3L Merlot CA 1997 | — | \$142 |
| 1 | St Michaels Pinot Grigio MD 2005 | 3 | 16 |
| 2 | Turis Sauvignon Blanc NJ 2005 | 0 | 16 |
| 3 | Ragapple Lassie Syrah NC 2004 | 2 | 16 |
| *4* | RayLen Vineyards Cab Franc NC 2004 | 7 | 16 |
| 5 | Piedmont Vineyards Cab Sauv VA 1995 | 4 | 18 |
| 6 | Turis Sangiovese NJ NV | 6 | 19 |
| 7 | Barros LBV Porto 1997 | — | 18 |



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| 9/9/07 | Barbour | Stewart | Maryland Reds |
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| 11/18/07 | Evans | Eisberg | ??? |
| 12/?/07 | Blosveren | Landon | Champagne |



The next wine tasting will be at the home of Carmen and Richard Blosveren on Sunday, February 18th at 2:00 pm. Bill Eisberg will host "Italians You May Not Know". Please call the Blosverens by February 14th if you would like to attend. Please, don't forget to bring something for the table.

⚡ **IMPORTANT! TIME IS SHORT!!** ⚡

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March 11, 2007—

A wonderful tasting was had by all at the Blosverens despite the chilly and treacherous, but picturesque, winter backdrop. Bill Eisberg and Nan Slick pulled together to make a fine presentation of lesser-known Italian regions and varietals. Thanks to Richard, Carmen, Bill and Nan!—Dean



Wine Hosts: Tasting Topics, Please!



FYI—Betty Kreder is now with the Society of

Our 27th Anniversary Wine Tasting will be at the home of Emily and Jack Johnston on Sunday, March 18th at 2:00 pm. Jack will be presenting *Specialties of the House*—“Off-the-beaten-track wines which have found a niche in specific regions of the world”. Please call the Johnstons by March 14th if you would like to attend. Please, don't forget to bring something for the table.

Regions You Won't Believe!

| Order | Wine | Votes | Prices |
|-------|--|-----------|-----------|
| W | Di Majo Norante Sangiovese 2005 | 1 | \$11 |
| 1 | Allegrini Palazzo Della Torre 2003, Veronese | 3 | 20 |
| 2 | Carta Negroamaro 2004, Puglia | 1 | 10 |
| 3 | Spadina Nero d'Avola 2002, Sicily | 1 | 11 |
| 4 | Terra d'Aligi 2003 Montepulciano d'Abruzzo | 3 | 16 |
| *5* | Tommasi 'Ripasso' Valpolicella 2001 | 13 | 24 |
| 6 | Villa Ilaria Barbaresco 2003 | 2 | 22 |

Wine Educators part time and is Director of Merchandising and Marketing at Calvert Fine Wines & Spirits, 114 Shawan Road Suite 8, Hunt Valley Towne Center (410-771-3232).



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| 12/?/07 | Blosveren | Landon | Champagne |



See you at the Johnstons'



All...

The CCAWS March wine tasting will be at the home of Barb and Bill Brown on Sunday, April 15 at 2:00 pm.

Becky Wilson will present ***Wines We Cook With***. It will be a food and wine tasting. Several of our members are preparing dishes with the wines we more often cook with than drink. We will be tasting a food then sampling the wine then taking a second bite to see if we really feel the wine translates in the food. As these are not the wines one normally pours a glass of we will be pouring smaller than the usual taste so we can try to use only one bottle of each. There will be both a red and white warm-up in large enough quantity for consuming afterwards. So That's the plan. Please call the Browns by April 11th if you would like to attend. Attendance for this tasting is limited. There are only a few slots left. Be sure you get confirmation before you attend.

Other items of interest---

- **This from Ron Riley---**Just wanted to pass on to you that Mt.Airy Liquors (Ben) is having his annual "Dollar Days" on Monday April 23rd. 8 AM to 11 PM - He has a pretty good wine selection and every item is sold at \$1 above cost that day. Will also order case wine at same prices if ordered in advance of the sale and to be picked up that day. They are in the shopping center in Mt.Airy where Safeway is located.
www.mtairyliquors.com
- **Lost and Found---**Emily Johnston has several items that have been left at tastings:
 - Last Sunday: A woman's short coat, off-white, with a pair of sunglasses in one pocket and a tasting sheet from some wine tasting from the day before in the other.
 - Two plates:
 - One is clear glass with horses heads imprinted or etched onto it. Brownies were served on it.
 - The other is a heavy plate with a starburst pattern, also clear glass. This had phyllo dough triangular puffs on it.
 - Spode china plate with a brown print. This one has been traveling around for awhile.
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...LeRoy



May 10, 2007

All...

The CCAWS May wine tasting will be at the home of Susann and Michael Barbour on Sunday, May 20 at 2:00 pm.

Michael Barbour will present *Wild, Wonderful, Wacky Whites III*. Nan obviously influenced this format! In fact, she was intending to be the Wine Host but has been unavoidably rerouted to Italy. Poor Nan! So much wine and all that time!! Please call the Barbours by May 16th at if you would like to attend. You could also e-mail the Barbours (michaelsuebarbour@comcast.net), but do it **before** the 16th, please. **Expect the cost of this tasting to be between \$15 and \$20.**

Other items of interest---

- **John Landon Recovering (Recovered?)**---Just a short note to let you all know that our friend and treasurer, John Landon, underwent triple bypass surgery Wednesday, April 25. John is recovering well at home and is already plotting his escape from the house to join us for the wine tasting on the 20th. We wish him the best of luck and a speedy recovery. [Becky]
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- **From Michael Barbour**---Thanks to all who attended this past Sunday (May 6). It was a small group, but it was fun. For those who could not attend, the scotch tasting notes follow. At the wine tasting here on the 20th, if we run out of wine, we will drink the scotch.

Scotch Whisky Tasting Notes---[Single Malt Scotch is the product of one specific distillery in Scotland that is 100% barley malt and has not been mixed with whisky from any other distilleries; aging for a minimum of three years in American oak is required.]

Single Malt Scotch – Single malts are the aristocrats of whisky. Their ancestry traces back to a time when farmers used illicit stills to avoid punitive excise duty. They are known as single malts because each is unblended, the product of a uniquely different distillery. In the making of scotch whisky, malted barley is dried over peat fires, thus allowing smoke from the peat to penetrate the barley, giving scotch whisky its distinctive smoky flavor. Note the spelling of “whisky”, which is traditional for scotch.

Taste is influenced greatly by origin. The Islands, Highlands, and Lowlands have contrasting climates and characters. This is imparted into the ingredients. Subtle differences emerge as the result of the barley, peat, and fine spring water being combined with local skills, types of oak, and distillery methods. Malts share one distinction. Unlike vintage wines, they reach maturity in the cask. Once bottled, their character remains unaltered. In order from north the south, the primary regions are as follows:

- *Orkney Islands* – a series of islands at the north of Scotland with only about two distilleries – Scapa and Highland Park. The island malts can be hard to define as each has its own character. Typical island scotches are peaty but less so than those of Islay. Highland Park

(15 yrs) is the choice for this tasting. It is rich, dark, and a little bit of sherry and smokiness. This is the northern-most distillery in Scotland, which has its own maltings.

- *Highland* – Home to more than 95% of Scotland's single malt distilleries and also the largest region geographically. Because of the large geographical area, Highland malts can be separated into North, West, East, and South. In general, Highland whiskies are rounded, robust and dry in character, with a hint of peaty smokiness. A relatively unknown Highland scotch, Glencoyne (17 yrs) will be tasted today. It is clear, bright, characterized by hints of oak, apple, and an exceptionally long, clean finish.
- *Speyside* – This region is to the east of Highland and most distilleries use the esteemed spring water running from Craggan Mor Hill. Cragganmore (13 yrs – 1992, bottled in 2005) Distiller's Edition is a finely balanced with a dry, rather delicate aroma, good firm body and a smoky finish. It's considered to be a definitive Speyside scotch with hints of sweet wood smoke and sandalwood.
- *Skye* – This region is a peninsula on the west side of Scotland. The peat content of the water and peating treatment during kilning is more pronounced than for most malts. Talisker (13 yrs – 1992, bottled 2005) Distiller's Edition is unique, being the only Skye distillery. The scotch is assertive, but not heavy; full-flavored with a pungent, peaty ruggedness. It explodes on the palate and lingers on.
- *Islay* – The isle of Islay is off the western coast of Scotland, very exposed to the elements, with the salty tang of the sea, and, thus, has its own malt classification. Islay's scotches are strong with smells and taste of seaweed, peat, smoke and earth, which are all elements of the assertive Islay character. Lagavulin (16 yrs) is the finest and most pungent, an intensely dry malt with a firm robust body and powerful aroma, in my opinion.
- *Lowland* – Lowland malts are typically soft, restrained and with a touch of sweetness. Glenkinchie (14 yrs – 1991, bottled 2005) Distiller's Edition is dry and smoky; a pale smooth malt, which reaches maturity at 10 years. It is mild, fresh tasting, grassy, just slightly dry, and has many subtleties to its taste and texture.

See you at the Barbours' ...

...LeRoy



June 6, 2007

All...

****** PLEASE NOTE: This is your last newsletter if you have not paid your dues!!!! (See last bullet below) ******

The CCAWS June wine tasting will be at the home of Deborah and John Pardoe on Sunday, June 17 at 2:00 pm.

Nan Slick will present *Côtes du Rhône*. John informed that he will be the Chef du Jour! Perhaps Nan will report on her trip to Italy. Please call the Pardoes by June 13th if you would like to attend. You could also e-mail the Pardoes (John@ByteRightSupport.com), but do it **before** the 13th, please. Please bring something for the table.

Other items of interest---

- **** VERY IMPORTANT ** House Host desperately needed for August tasting!!! Please!!**
- Check web site (www.ccaaws.net) for upcoming tastings.
- Notes on the March Tasting at Johnstons' [*Specialties of the House*]---Very informative tasting regarding wines characteristic of the noted regions. When these grapes are mentioned, almost every wino---er---connoisseur will blurt out these regions as the source of the best wines made from these grapes.

| | Wine | Votes | Price |
|-----|---|-------|-------|
| W | ARGENTINA - Santa Julia <i>Torrontes</i> 2005 | -- | \$ 9 |
| 1 | CONDRIEU - Guigal <i>Viogner</i> | -- | \$47 |
| 2 | ARGENTINA - Trumpeter <i>Malbec</i> 2005 | 3 | \$11 |
| 3 | CHILE - Calina <i>Carmenere</i> 2003 | 11 | \$ 9 |
| 4 | URUGUAY - Posados Virray <i>Tannat</i> 2002 | 0 | \$15 |
| 5 | S. AFRICA - Oracle <i>Pinotage</i> 2005 | 5 | \$ 8 |
| *6* | PIEDMONT - Vajra <i>Nebbiolo</i> 2005 | 15 | \$15 |

- Notes on the May Tasting at Barbours' [*Wild, Wacky, Wonderful Whites III*]---Wow!! Yet another example of the versatility and variety of the many tasty white wines possible from grapes that are not red!

| | Wine | Votes | Price |
|-----|---|----------|-------------|
| W | Marqués de Cáceres (Viura) 2005 - Spain | 1 | \$ 7 |
| 1 | Villa Matilde Falerno del Massico (Falanghina) 2005 - Italy | 0 | \$18 |
| 2 | Santadi Villa Solais (Vermentino) 2005 - Italy | 0 | \$11 |
| *3* | A Coroa A Coroa (Godello) 2005 - Spain | 8 | \$22 |
| 4 | Leth (Roter Veltliner) 2005 - Austria | 3 | \$26 |
| 5 | Ponzi (Arneis) 2006 - Oregon | 7 | \$22 |
| 6 | Inniskillin Eiswein (Vidal) 2005 - Canada | (3) | \$64 |

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See you at the Pardoes' ...

...LeRoy



July 5, 2007

All...

The CCAWS Annual Picnic will be at the home of Jackie and George Grillon on Sunday, July 15 at 2:00 pm.

Please call the Grillons by July 11th if you would like to attend. Earlier is better! Bring your family, lawn chairs, swim suits, a bottle or two and a side dish to share.

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See you at the Grillons' ...

...LeRoy



August 6, 2007

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The CCAWS August wine tasting will be at the home of Carmen and Richard Blossverren on Sunday, August 19 at 2:00 pm.

Dean Wilson will present “...*But Can They Make Wine???*”. This from Dean:

They're rich... They're famous... They have Oscars, Grammys, Trophies, Mansions, Millions...

But... Can They Make Wine ?

*...A fun, entertaining, and very different kind of voyage into the glitz and glamour of **Celebrity Winemakers!***

Not for snobs! Just bring your bling!

Please call the Wilsons (yes—the Wilsons) by August 15th if you would like to attend. You could also e-mail the Wilsons (dean.wilson@comcast.net), but do it **before** the 15th, please. Please bring something for the table.

Other items of interest---

- **The Annual Picnic Report**—As usual, everyone attending seemed to have great fun despite the heat! Horseshoes, swimming, driving range, eating good food, drinking a variety of wines and more were enjoyed by almost everyone. We even had a short, somewhat cooling drizzle. Thanks again to the Grillons for hosting this annual event. I should note that there was an unexpectedly low turnout considering all the RSVPs. We all have things come up to prevent us from attending, but there were a lot of no-shows, which makes it hard to plan.
- ***** I need tasting topics for October and November. *****
- **Wine and House hosts for 2008, please!**—It is not too early to be thinking about this.
- **Check our web site (www.ccaaws.net) for upcoming tastings.**
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See you at the Blossverens' ...

...LeRoy



August 31, 2007

All...

The CCAWS September wine tasting will be at the home of Susann and Michael Barbour on Sunday, September 9 at 2:00 pm.

Yours Truly, **LeRoy Stewart**, will present “**The AWS National Tasting Project 2007: *Sensuous Syrah***”. Actually, this is a group effort by all four of the Barbours and the Stewarts, who sacrificed their time and palates to select the wines we will be tasting. (Well, somebody had to do it!) Please call the Barbours by September 5th if you would like to attend. You could also e-mail the Barbours (michaelsuebarbour@comcast.net), but do it **before** the 5th, please. Please do not forget to bring something for the table.

Other items of interest---

- **August Tasting Report**—A fine presentation by Dean Wilson of “...***But Can They Make Wine***”. The video he produced and directed for this presentation was a very nice touch—a lot of fun for us to watch and maybe even worth the aggravation and sacrifice of one Becky Wilson (Just ask her!) through the endless retakes. We learned that two of the celebrity winemakers actually can and do make their wine—or, at least, have a significant, hands-on impact on the actual vinification. One of them won the “Oscar” at the tasting—the Coppola “Director’s Cut” Zinfandel 2005. Many thanks to Carmen and Richard for standing in the gap to provide their home at the last minute for this media event!

| Order | Wine | Price | Votes |
|----------------|---|-------------|----------|
| 1 (warm-up) | <i>Arnold Palmer</i> Chardonnay 2004 | \$15 | 0 |
| 2 | Hollywood & Vine Chardonnay 2005 <i>Doug Barr & Bruce Orosz</i> | \$60 | 4 |
| 3 | MacMurray Ranch Pinot Gris 2005 <i>Fred MacMurray</i> | \$19 | 0 |
| 4 | <i>Fess Parker</i> Frontier Red Lot 71 | \$11 | 4 |
| 5 | Marilyn Merlot 2004 <i>Marilyn Monroe</i> | \$33 | 2 |
| 6 | Kamen Cabernet Sauvignon 2003 <i>Robert Kamen</i> | \$58 | 3 |
| *7* | Coppola “Director’s Cut” Zinfandel 2005 <i>Francis Ford Coppola</i> | \$20 | 8 |

- *** I still need tasting topics for October and November. ***
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See you at the Barbours' ...

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See addendum below



October 10, 2007

All...

The CCAWS October wine tasting will be at the home of Jennifer and David Miller on Sunday, October 21 at 2:00 pm.

Pennee Parker, will present “**Red Wine and Chocolate—Divine Pair or Beware?**”. The cost per person may be \$20. Please call the Millers by October 17th if you would like to attend—the earlier, the better, because space is limited. You could also e-mail the Millers (dwmiller@davidwmiller.com), but do it well **before** the 17th, please. Please do not forget to bring something for the table.

Other items of interest—

- **Condolences**—As already noted by the Wilsons, “We are very sorry to hear of the passing of Susan Barbour's dear father.”
- **Check our web site** (www.ccaws.net) **for upcoming tastings.**
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- **More News later this weekend**—I thought it better to get out information on the next tasting than for you to wait for me to finish this newsletter!

October 14, 2007

All...

The Rest of the Story—Below are the results from our September tasting, “**AWS National Tasting Project 2007—Sensuous Syrah**”. In addition to what was sent to AWS, these results include the votes from all 26 folks present. You will note that the favorite did not have the highest average rating. This should not be surprising because the votes for #3 and #4 were from a pool of 26 people and the scores, from 21. Four of the non-participants were the presenters and, thus, not eligible. I don't know what the story is with the lone abstainer! Anyway, here are the results:

**AWS National Tasting
Project 2007**

| Wines: | | Year | Description | Price |
|---------------|------|---------------------------|-------------|-------|
| Wine #1 | 2004 | Edna Valley Syrah | \$19 | |
| Wine #2 | 2005 | FAT <i>bastard</i> Shiraz | \$12 | |
| Wine #3 | 2005 | Marquis Phillips Shiraz | \$16 | |

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Chapter Name: | Carroll County. MD | Contact Name: | LeRoy E. Stewart |
| Date of Tasting: | Sep. 9, 2007 | Contact Email: | ... |
| Number in Attendance: | 26 | Contact Telephone: | ... |

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|---------|------|---------------------------------|------|
| Wine #4 | 2004 | Columbia Crest Two Vines Shiraz | \$15 |
| Wine #5 | 2003 | E. Guigal Côtes du Rhône | \$12 |
| Wine #6 | NV | Rumball SB 17 Sparkling Shiraz | \$26 |

| Results: | Wine Judge? | Wine #1 | Wine #2 | Wine #3 | Wine #4 | Wine #5 | Wine #6 |
|-----------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Taster #1 | N | 12.0 | 13.5 | 14.5 | 14.0 | 12.0 | 13.0 |
| Taster #2 | Y | 15.5 | 15.0 | 16.5 | 15.5 | 14.0 | 13.0 |
| Taster #3 | N | 15.0 | 12.0 | 17.0 | 15.0 | 10.0 | 15.0 |
| Taster #4 | N | 15.0 | 11.0 | 7.0 | 16.0 | 10.0 | 13.0 |
| Taster #5 | N | 13.0 | 14.0 | 17.0 | 18.0 | 16.0 | 13.0 |
| Taster #6 | N | 15.0 | 17.0 | 15.0 | 17.5 | 13.0 | 15.0 |
| Taster #7 | N | 16.5 | 17.0 | 16.5 | 18.0 | 16.0 | 14.5 |
| Taster #8 | Y | 16.0 | 14.5 | 16.5 | 16.5 | 14.5 | 15.0 |
| Taster #9 | N | 15.0 | 15.5 | 19.0 | 19.5 | 16.0 | 11.0 |
| Taster #10 | N | 15.0 | 11.0 | 15.0 | 13.0 | 11.0 | 14.0 |
| Taster #11 | N | 17.0 | 11.0 | 15.0 | 16.0 | 11.0 | 15.0 |
| Taster #12 | Y | 13.5 | 14.0 | 15.0 | 14.5 | 12.0 | 13.0 |
| Taster #13 | N | 16.5 | 12.5 | 15.0 | 13.0 | 11.5 | 15.0 |
| Taster #14 | N | 14.0 | 13.5 | 15.5 | 15.5 | 11.5 | 10.5 |
| Taster #15 | N | 11.0 | 15.0 | 13.0 | 14.0 | 12.0 | 14.0 |
| Taster #16 | N | 14.0 | 11.0 | 16.0 | 17.0 | 11.0 | 9.0 |
| Taster #17 | N | 14.0 | 13.5 | 15.5 | 16.5 | 14.5 | 10.5 |
| Taster #18 | N | 12.0 | 11.0 | 15.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 10.0 |
| Taster #19 | N | 11.0 | 11.0 | 14.0 | 15.0 | 14.0 | 11.0 |
| Taster #20 | N | 11.0 | 10.0 | 13.0 | 16.0 | 11.0 | 9.0 |
| Taster #21 | N | 12.0 | 11.0 | 16.0 | 12.0 | 10.0 | 10.0 |
| Average: | | 14.00 | 13.05 | 15.10 | 15.40 | 12.48 | 12.55 |
| Votes: | | 3 | 1 | *12* | 10 | 0 | 0 |

See you at the Millers' ...
...LeRoy



November 10, 2007

All...

The CCAWS November wine tasting will be at the home of Mary and Mike Evans on Sunday, November 18 at 2:00 pm.

Bill Eisberg, will present **"What's in a Bag?"**. Please call the Evanses by November 14th if you would like to attend—the earlier, the better, because space is limited. You could also e-mail the Evanses (headnurse@earthlink.net), but do it well **before** the 14th, please. Please do not forget to bring something for the table.

Other items of interest—

- **Condolences**—With sadness, we report the passing of Dean Wilson's mother.
- **Last month's Tasting**—Pennee's summary of her "Red Wine and Chocolate—Divine Pair or Beware?"—
 "I think the majority of comments were: (1) Everyone seemed to like the 56% and 71% chocolates best, the 85% was a bit over-powering for all the wines, making them taste "sour". Bitter tasting food was really not something any of the group liked with any wine. (2) The most popular wine–chocolate combinations were the fruit-forward wines, the Beaujolais warm up, Pinot Noir, Merlot and Zinfandel. The Petite Syrah got positive comments by some. The Cabernet Sauvignon had the least positive comments with all the combinations. It is still a very personal choice when choosing a red wine with a chocolate, alone or as a dessert. A few comments were made by some members that they knew now they would never have chocolate with red wine but would stick to the more traditional Banyuls or Port."
- **Maggie's Restaurant Wine Dinner**—Bill E. says Maggie's Restaurant at Washington Road and Green Street in Westminster is having a Wine Dinner this Tuesday, November 14 for only \$60 and there are plenty of seats left.
- **Check our web site (www.ccaaws.net) for upcoming tastings.**
- **Don't forget your dues** of \$10 to CCAWS (Carroll County Chapter of the American Wine Society) **AND** your membership obligation (dues, \$57) to AWS (American Wine Society). Consider this a reminder that you **must** maintain membership in AWS (our parent organization) to remain a member of CCAWS. See www.AmericanWineSociety.org for details of on-line management of your AWS membership.
- **CCAWS Membership Cards**—By now, everyone who is a bona fide member of CCAWS, *viz.*, AWS membership + CCAWS dues paid (see previous bullet), should have received CCAWS membership cards. As stated in my note accompanying the cards, these are primarily for verifying to the few (currently 2) local liquor stores that offer a per-bottle discount on wine to CCAWS members. If you did not receive your card, your AWS membership information may not have been posted to the AWS web site yet—or, there could be a snafu at AWS. It *has* happened—right Barry?
- **Bill Eisberg said**—"If you missed the AWS convention this past week in Winston-Salem, NC, you missed the best one yet!"

See you at the Evanses' ...

...LeRoy



November 27, 2007

All...

The CCAWS Annual December Champagne tasting will be at the home of Carmen and Richard Blossveren on Sunday, December 9 at 2:00 pm.

John Landon (or surrogate), will present “**CCAWS Annual Champagne Tasting**”. Expect the cost to approach \$25/person. This is also a good time to renew your CCAWS membership (see below). Please call the Blossverens by December 5th if you would like to attend—**the earlier, the better, because space is limited!** Please do not forget to bring something for the table.

Other items of interest—

- **Last month’s Tasting**—The tag team of Bill Eisberg and Walt Rachele presented “**What’s in a Bag?**” to generally wide acclaim—well...genuine interest, anyway. As the tasting unfolded, it was revealed that one of each pair of wines (two each of Pinot Grigio, Chardonnay, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon) was from a box (read, “bag”)! One was actually a “jug” wine. As you can see below, “what’s in a bag” rated pretty well compared with “what’s in a bottle”. There was a lot of lively discussion about the wines during this presentation—some of it simultaneous with the presentation! Ah! Such enthusiasm! Must have been the wine. Thanks to the Evanses for providing the venue for this tasting and for putting up with a pretty large crowd.

| Type | Order | Wine | Price | Votes |
|-----------------------------|-------|--|-------|-------|
| Pinot Grigio (jug) | 1-W | Mezza Corona Pinot Grigio 2006 Italy (1.5 L) | 12.99 | 18 |
| Pinot Grigio (bottle) | 2 | La Rocca Pinot Grigio 2005 Italy | 14.99 | 13 |
| Chardonnay (bag) | 3 | Black Box Chardonnay 2005 California (3 L) | 21.99 | 15 |
| Chardonnay (bottle) | 4 | Michael Sullberg Chardonnay 2005 California | 10.99 | 19 |
| Merlot (bag) | 5 | Black Box Merlot 2006 California (3 L) | 21.99 | 4 |
| Merlot (bottle) | 6 | Ghost Pines Merlot 2005 California | 19.99 | 28 |
| Cabernet Sauvignon (bag) | 7 | Black Box Cabernet Sauvignon 2005 California (3 L) | 21.99 | 10 |
| Cabernet Sauvignon (bottle) | 8 | Liberty School Cabernet Sauvignon 2005 California | 15.99 | 22 |

- **Shameless Self-promotion**—The [Masterworks Chorale of Carroll County](#) presents “Credo!” (“Symbolum Nicenum” from J. S. Bach’s *Mass in B minor*) at 3:00 PM, December 16, 2007 at Baker Memorial Chapel, McDaniel College, Westminster, MD. For details, see web site www.MasterworksofCC.org.
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