



January 12, 2008

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The CCAWS January tasting will be at the home of Barb and Bill Brown on Sunday, January 20 at 2:00 pm.

**Pat Valas**, will present “**You Be the Judge: Gold, Silver or Bronze?**”. Please call the Browns if you would like to attend. Please do not forget to bring something for the table.

**Other items of interest—**

- **Last month’s Champagne Tasting**—A fine event put together and presented by John Landon and Nan Slick. There was a very nice, surprise wine at the end of the tasting. We had our favorites. We voted. I’ve lost the list and the voting results amid the chaos triggered by my computer crash and recovery—part of my excuse for the timing of this message! Thanks once again to the Blosverens for providing the venue for this annual event and for putting up with a large crowd. Many thanks to Becky Wilson for her tireless efforts with the gift baskets for the **CCAWS G. Hamilton Mowbray Scholarship Fund** (part of the AWS Educational Fund). I am sure I have forgotten to mention something and expect someone will point it out!
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See you at the Browns' ...

...LeRoy



February 7, 2008

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The CCAWS February tasting will be at the home of Jackie and George Grillon on Sunday, February 17 at 2:00 pm. **Bill Eisberg**, will present **“Hartford Family Wines”**. Please call the Grillons by February 13<sup>th</sup> at if you would like to attend. Please do not forget to bring something to share for the table.

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**Other items of interest—**

- **Last month’s Tasting, “Gold, Silver or Bronze? You Be the Judge”**—Pat Valas made us all judges for a day and put our palates to the test. We warmed up our toes, fingers and tongues with Domaine St. Michelle Brut and then tasted through seven varietals. The task was to assign each wine a gold, silver or bronze medal, knowing that each wine had in fact been awarded a medal at a previous competition (AWS Commercial Competition, Indy International or Pacific Rim). Revealed at the end (though several had guessed by then) was the fact that all of the wines, including the warm-up were in fact GOLD medal winners. The wines and favorites are listed below:
  1. Domaine St. Michelle Brut NV (\$13)—*warm-up*
  2. Barefoot Pinot Grigio NV (\$13/1.5 L)—*tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> favorite*
  3. St. Supery Virtu White Meritage 2006 (\$25)
  4. Boordy Vidal Blanc 2006 (\$10)
  5. Bogle Petite Syrah 2005 (\$14)—*tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> favorite*
  6. Michael David 6th Sense Syrah 2004 (\$19)—*tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> favorite*
  7. Pearmund Ameritage 2005 (\$23)
  8. Michael David Earthquake Cabernet 2004 (\$31)—**FAVORITE**
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- **New (and only) Wine Bar in town!!—*Wine Me Up!*** has opened for your delectation at 61½ E. Main Street Westminster, MD 21157 (across from the old fire hall). They have a growing wine list with a lot of variety. You can enjoy it by the glass. You can buy a bottle at a reasonable price to take out or, for only a \$5 corkage fee, drink it there. They also have a variety of hors d'oevres. Their web site is [www.winemeupshoppeandtavern.com](http://www.winemeupshoppeandtavern.com).

See you at the Grillons'...

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March 7, 2008

All...

The CCAWS March tasting (**our 28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!!**) will be at the home of Emily and Jack Johnston on Sunday, March 16 at 2:00 pm. **[IMPORTANT!—There will be a short business meeting at 1:30 to discuss (among other things) tasting venues for our burgeoning group. Please send e-mail to me if you would like other items on the agenda.]**

**Al Copp** from **Woodhall Winery**, will present “**A Vertical Flight of Copernica Wines**” with Woodhall Copernica Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon from 1991, 1995, 1997, 2002 and 2005; plus the Copernica Reserve Cabernet Franc 2005. If any of our amateur winemakers who shared in the fruit of those years wants to bring along a bottle of their efforts, it might make an interesting comparison. Woodhall is adding a couple whites—not Copernica. Please call the Johnstons by March 12<sup>th</sup> (the earlier, the better!) if you would like to attend. Also—refrain from inviting guests to this tasting because we want all our members wishing to attend this popular anniversary tasting to be able to do so. Please do not forget to bring something to share for the table.

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**Other items of interest—**

- **Last month’s Tasting, “Hartford Family Wines”**—**Bill Eisberg**, along with George and Jackie Grillon, provided us with a stunning array of wines from Hartford Court and Cambria Vineyards. They brought in Andrew Haire of Monument Fine Wines to talk about these marvelous wines. Barb Brown was overheard saying, “Wonderful tasting! Hats off to the Hartford Court Family Wines – [awfully] glad that Jackie has such great relations.” *[Note: Jackie Grillon is Don Hartford’s sister.]* Thanks to the Grillons for sharing their newly constructed addition as the venue for this tasting. The wines and favorites are listed below:
  - Warm-up—Hartford Sonoma Chardonnay 2004, \$20, 4 votes
  - #1—Cambria Katherine’s Vineyard Chardonnay 2005, \$22, 4 votes
  - #2—Hartford Court Four Hearts Vineyard Chardonnay 2005, \$36, 13 votes (**best white!**)
  - #3—Cambria Tepusquet Vineyard Viognier 2005, \$20, 6 votes
  - #4—Cambria Julia’s Vineyard Pinot Noir 2005, \$26, 0 votes
  - #5—Cambria Bench Break Vineyard Pinot Noir 2005, \$31, 5 votes
  - #6—Hartford Court Lands Edge Pinot Noir 2005, \$41, 15 votes (**best red!**)
  - #7—Hartford Court Jennifer’s Vineyard Russian River Pinot Noir 2005, \$80-\$90, 7 votes
  - #8—Hartford Court Fog Dance, Green Valley Vineyard Pinot Noir, \$75, 2 votes
  - #9—Hartford Court Russian River Zinfandel 2005, \$31, 5 votes
  
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April 8, 2008

All...

The CCAWS April tasting will be at the home of Barb and Bill Brown on Sunday, April 20 at 2:00 pm.

**The Browns** will present “**What Would YOU Pay for That Wine?**” Please call the Browns by April 16<sup>th</sup> (the earlier, the better!) if you would like to attend. Please do not forget to bring something to share for the table.

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**Other items of interest—**

- **Last month’s CCAWS 28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tasting, “Mostly Copernica Reserve”—Al Copp, owner and winemaker of Woodhall Wine Cellars, Parkton, MD** ([www.WoodhallWineCellars.com](http://www.WoodhallWineCellars.com)), along with input from Ray Brasfield ([www.CygnusWineCellars.com](http://www.CygnusWineCellars.com)), the winemaker for some of the Copernica Reserves, presented a discontinuous vertical tasting of Copernica Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon going back to 1991 as well as the current vintage (2005) of Copernica Reserve Cabernet Franc—all 100% varietal. Many of us remember helping to harvest the grapes for many of these wines at Copernica Vineyards owned by Jack and Emily Johnston. Many thanks to the Johnstons for putting up with nearly fifty of us for this tasting. During a discussion of when to drink some of these wines, Jack Johnston quipped, “...better to rob the cradle than the grave!” The wines and favorite Copernica Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon (CRCS) are listed below:
  - Warm-up—Gunpowder Falls White 2006 (90% Vidal, 10% Vignoles)
  - #1—Golden Run Reserve Vidal Blanc 2006
  - #2—Copernica Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 1991, 4 votes
  - #3—Copernica Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 1995, 9 votes
  - **#4—Copernica Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 1997, 16 votes** (*the favorite CRCS!*)
  - #5—Copernica Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2002, 2 votes
  - #6—Copernica Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2005, 0 votes
  - #7—Copernica Reserve Cabernet Franc 2005
- **A short business meeting** was held at last month’s tasting regarding nominating and venue committees among other items. We will publish the minutes for you shortly.
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May 6, 2008

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The CCAWS May tasting will be at the home of Susann and Michael Barbour on Sunday, May 18 at 2:00 pm.

**Nan Slick** will present “**Wild, Wonderful, Wacky Whites IV**”. Please call the Barbours by May 14<sup>th</sup> (the earlier, the better!) if you would like to attend. Please do not forget to bring something to share for the table.

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**Other items of interest—**

- **Last month’s Tasting, “What Would YOU Pay for That Wine?”—The Tag Team of Bill Browns III & IV** presented a blind tasting during which we all were encouraged to guess what we would pay for the wine, where it was from and what grape(s) went into it. A couple of prizes were awarded and everyone had fun! The wines and are listed below:
  - Warm-up—Beaujolais-Villages, Chameroy, France (Gamay), \$9.99 - no votes
  - #1—Deen De Bortoli, Pinot Noir, Australia, \$13.99, no votes
  - #2—Sassaiolo, Italian (Sangiovese, Multipulciano) \$11.99, 1 vote
  - **#3—St. Francis Red, California (Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Zinfandel), \$10.99, Voted #1 (14 votes)**
  - #4—Abadal Reserva, Spain (Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah), \$25.99, *came in third (9 votes)*
  - #5—PAX Syrah, Sonoma Hillside, California, \$54.99, *came in a close second (12 votes)*

Thanks to the Browns for also hosting this crowd.

- **Shameless self-promotion—Masterworks Chorale of Carroll County** will be presenting **Beethoven’s “Ode to Joy”** and **Bernstein’s “Chichester Psalms”** at 7:00 PM, May 18, 2008, Baker Memorial Chapel, McDaniel College, Westminster, MD. *Come on over after the tasting and give us a listen!* See [www.MasterworksofCC.org](http://www.MasterworksofCC.org) for details.
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June 5, 2008

All...

The CCAWS June tasting will be at the home of Linda and Ron Riley on Sunday, June 15 at 2:00 pm.

**Bill Eisberg** will present “**Italiano!**”. Please call the Rileys by June 11<sup>th</sup> (the earlier, the better!) if you would like to attend. Please do not forget to bring something to share for the table.

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**Other items of interest—**

- **Last month’s Tasting, “Wild, Wonderful, Wacky Whites IV”**—**Nan Slick** presented yet another fantastic array of wacky whites! A lively time was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Cranberry Liquors for providing the wines at reduced cost. The wines are listed below with their retail prices and our favorites:
  - (Warm-up) Dom. des Cassagnoles White Côtes de Gascogne 2007 (blend of Colombard, Ugni Blanc and Gros Manseng) France \$8.99
  - (1) Dom. de Mirail 2006 (Colombard) France \$11.99
  - (2) Di Ri-Enzo Terre Di Chieti 2005 (Pecorino) Italy \$14.99
  - (3) Oremus Tokji Mandolas 2004 (Furmint) Hungary \$24.99 *\*favorite\**
  - (4) Kaesler Old Vine Semillon 2006 (Semillon) Australia \$18.99 *\*2nd place\**
  - (5) Adelsheim Auxerrois 2006 (Auxerrois) Oregon \$22.99 *\*3rd place\**

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See you at the Rileys' ...

...LeRoy



July 7, 2008

All...

The CCAWS Annual Picnic will be at the home of Jackie and George Grillon on Sunday, July 20 at 2:00 pm.

Please call the Grillons by July 16 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.**

**Other items of interest—**

- **Last month's Tasting, "Italians You May Not Know"—Bill Eisberg** presented a well-received array of Italian reds along with a warm-up white—many of them made from not-so-familiar Italian grapes! A lively time was enjoyed by all. Of course, "lively" was tempered by the heat and humidity. Yours Truly even managed to avoid a dunking in the Riley fish pond though perched on the brink! Thanks to College Square Liquors for providing the wines at reduced cost. The wines are listed below with their retail prices and our favorites:
  - (Warm-up) Villa Puccini Vennaccia di San Gimignano 2006 \$12 [0 votes]
  - (1) Icardi—Piemonte Cortese 2006 \$14 [5 votes] **\*2nd place\***
  - (2) D'Angelo—Vigna Castelle, a single vineyard Reserva 2000—100% Aglianico \$16 [3 votes]
  - (3) Barco Reale di Carmignano 2004—Sangiovese, Cabernet Sauvignon, Caraiolo \$17 [2 votes]
  - (4) Cusumaro Nero D'Avola 2006, also known as Calabrese \$13 [9 votes] **\*favorite\***
  - (5) Cataldi Madonna Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 2004 \$17 [1 votes]
  - (6) Braida Il Baciato Monferrato Rosso 2002—80% Barbera, 5% Pinot Noir, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon \$22 [4 votes] **\*3rd place\***

Thanks to the Rileys for hosting this crowd. This was their first experience as house hosts and will undoubtedly not be their last—that is, if they will have us back to their lovely place!

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August 5, 2008

Todos...

La degustación de Agosto ( "Los Vinos Blancos de España al Lado de la Piscina" presentado por Jackie y Larry Powers) será en la casa de María y Miguel Evans, on Sunday, August 17 at 2:00 pm.

[Translation of my attempt at Spanish: All... The August tasting ("Spanish Whites by the Pool" presented by Jackie and Larry Powers) will be at the home of Mary and Mike Evans ....]

Please call the Evanses by August 13 if you would like to attend. Earlier is better! Don't forget your swimsuits!—and something for the table!!

**Other items of interest—**

**Last month's Tasting, "The CCAWS Annual Picnic"—Thanks to George and Jackie Grillon** for their wonderful hospitality in hosting yet another CCAWS picnic and everyone for sharing wine!! Everyone had a wonderful time!!! George—the horseshoe pits were impressive!!!!

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September 2, 2008

All...

The September tasting, “**Shiraz—Australian Regional Reps**” will be presented by Michael Barbour & LeRoy Stewart and held at the home of Sue and Michael Barbour on Sunday, September 14 at 2:00 pm. *{Please note that this is earlier in the month than usual due to the Maryland Wine Festival’s occurrence the following weekend.}*

Please call the Barbours by September 10 if you would like to attend. Earlier is better! Don’t forget something for the table!!

**Other items of interest—**

**Last month’s Tasting, “Spanish Whites by the Pool”—Jackie and Larry Powers** deserve a round of applause for jumping into the fray with this their first presentation to this opinionated group of wine enthusiasts!! Thanks to Mary and Mike Evans for putting up with this crowd and sharing their pool, among other amenities. Thanks to Nan and Cranberry Liquors for providing assistance and the wines at cost. The list of wines tasted and the favorites follow:

<b>Spanish Whites by the Pool</b>			
<b>No.</b>	<b>Wine</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Votes</b>
wamup	Codorníu Cava Brut (Parellada, Macabeo, Xarel-lo) & Sangria	\$ 9	—
1	Albet I Noya, Penedès (Xarel-lo) 2007	\$12	1
2	Marqués de Cáceres, Rioja (Viura) 2007	\$ 8	0
<b>*3*</b>	<b>Mantel Blanco Verdejo, Rueda 2007</b>	<b>\$16</b>	<b>12</b>
4	Mantel Blanco Sauvignon Blanc 2007	\$17	1
5	Abadia de San Campio, Rias Baixas (Albariño) 2007	\$20	2
6	Tio Pepe Extra Dry Fino, Jerez (Palomino)	\$22	—

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October 9, 2008

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The October tasting, “**Unusual, Ancient and not Your Everyday Varietals**” will be presented by and held at the home of Jennifer and Dave Miller on Sunday, October 19 at 2:00 pm. Please call the Millers by October 15 if you would like to attend. Earlier is better! Don’t forget something for the table!!

Other items of interest—

**Last month’s Tasting, “Shiraz—Australian Regional Reps”**—Michael Barbour & LeRoy Stewart presented the topic to generally wide acclaim—I think it was the restraint of verbiage that was most appreciated. I guess two PhDs working together can get something done! Kudos belongs to Michael Barbour for researching and selecting the wines from the different districts of Australia for the Barbours and Stewarts to evaluate for the presentation. It was a tough job but someone had to do it! Thanks to Nan Slick, Cranberry Liquors, Michael Bareford and College Square Liquors for providing assistance and the wines at cost. The list of wines tasted and the favorites follow:

**Shiraz—Australian Regional Reps**

No.	Wine	Price	Votes
warmup	Sauvignon Blanc (2006) Yalumba Winery, South Australia	\$ 11	—
1	Omrah Shiraz (2005) Plantagenet Winery, South West Australia	\$20	0
2	Climbing Shiraz (2005) High Elevation Estate, Orange, NSW (Highest elevation)	\$14	1
3	Greg Norman Shiraz (200?) Limestone Coast, South Australia	\$16	1
4	Razor’s Edge Shiraz (2006) Adelaide, South Australia	\$13	5
<b>*5*</b>	<b>Shaw Reserve Shiraz (2004) Wyndham Estate, New South Wales (NSW)</b>	<b>\$19</b>	<b>17</b>
6	Old Gnarly’s Shiraz (2004) Marananga Subregion, Barossa Valley	\$17	2

- **Wine Baskets Fund Raiser**—Those interested in carrying on this tradition started by Becky Wilson should contact Pennee Parker ([rocgardener@aol.com](mailto:rocgardener@aol.com)).
- **A Little Bit of Tuscany** is a new Italian wine bar and light-fare bistro you should check out on Main Street at Longwell in Westminster.
- **Bud’s at Silver Run** is a new, casual fine dining restaurant right here in beautiful, downtown Silver Run, MD on Littlestown Pike (Rt. 97) between Mayberry and Silver Run Valley Roads.



- **Best Wishes to Bill Brown** who has had a brief stay in the hospital.
- **Our condolences to Betty Kreder** whose mother passed away on Saturday.
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November 7, 2008

All...

The November tasting, “**Unusual Wines—What’s for Thanksgiving?**” will be presented by Walt Rachele and held at the home of Mary and Mike Evans on Sunday, November 16 at 2:00 pm. Please call the Evanses by November 12 if you would like to attend. Earlier is better! Don’t forget something for the table!!

**Other items of interest—**

**Last month’s Tasting, “Unusual, Ancient and not Your Everyday Varietals”—Dave Miller** presented the topic to an expectant crowd that was willing to try almost anything! We were not disappointed. This was certainly a widely divergent list of wine grapes and Dave had obviously done a bit of work on organoleptic testing and accumulating data for our education. We were also treated to Jen and Dave’s new “Wine Tasting Room,” which they had constructed just for us on their subterranean floor!—well, maybe not, but everyone enjoyed this new venue that was the result of the Millers’ hard work. Thanks to Michael Bareford and College Square Liquors for providing assistance and the wines at cost. The list of wines tasted and the favorites follow:

<b>Unusual, Ancient and not Your Everyday Varietals</b>			
<b>No.</b>	<b>Wine</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Votes</b>
warmup	Santa Anastacia Grillo 2006 – Sicily, Italy	\$16	2
1	Dr. Frank’s Rkatsiteli 2006 – Finger Lakes, New York	\$28	0
2	Boutari Nemea 2006 (Agiorgitiko) – Peloponnese, Greece	\$17	0
3	Boutari Naoussa Red 2005 (Xinomavro) – Goumenissa, Greece	\$17	0
4	Anton IBY Zweigelt Classic 2006 – Horitschon, Austria	\$17	8
5	Altos de las Hormigas 2007 (Bonarda) – Mendoza, Argentina	\$ 8	7
<b>*6*</b>	<b>Casillero del Diablo 2007 (Carménère) – Rapel Valley, Chile</b>	<b>\$10</b>	<b>11</b>

- **\*\*\* Wine Baskets Fund Raiser for AWSEF \*\*\***—Those interested in carrying on this tradition started by Becky Wilson should contact Pennee Parker or Jackie Powers and bring wine, \$25 (or more!!) and \$5 cash (for expenses) by the **November** meeting.
- **David and Jennifer Miller** will be hosting a **Bourbon Tasting Event** on Sunday November 23<sup>rd</sup> at their home in Manchester. If you are interested in attending, please let them know no later than 11/15/2008. You may call them at (443)291-6119 or email **Dave**.
- **A Little Bit of Tuscany** is a new Italian wine bar and light-fare bistro you should check out on Main Street at Longwell in Westminster. **They will be having a wine tasting**

- event on Monday evening, November 17.** They are planning to have their two biggest vendors, Bacchus & Republic National, do the tasting with wine education on Italian wines. There will be lots of food passed as well as trays set up. Cost will be \$50 per person for 2 hours of, perhaps, 12 wines with generous pours and plenty of food. Both chefs will be there to prepare items off the menu, but there will be no seated dinner service. They will also be offering discounts on any wine purchases—not sure if by the bottle or case. Reservations with a deposit are required ([www.alittlebitofuscany.com](http://www.alittlebitofuscany.com)).
- ***Bud's at Silver Run*** is a new, casual fine dining restaurant right here in beautiful, downtown Silver Run, MD on Littlestown Pike (Rt. 97) between Mayberry and Silver Run Valley Roads. **Check out their upcoming wine dinner with Alphonso Ventrice (December 1, 7:00pm, \$85 inclusive)** at [www.budsatsilverrun.com](http://www.budsatsilverrun.com)!
  - **Check our web site ([www.CCAWS.net](http://www.CCAWS.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, \$62 for 2009) 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](http://www.AmericanWineSociety.org) for details of on-line management of your AWS membership. You can call AWS during business hours at 678-377-7070 to take care of it that way.
  - **CCAWS Membership Cards**—Bona fide member of CCAWS, viz., AWS membership + CCAWS dues paid (see previous bullet), will be sent 2008 CCAWS membership cards in the mail. These are primarily for verifying to the few (currently 3) local liquor stores that offer a per-bottle discount on wine to CCAWS members.

See you at the Evanses' ...  
...LeRoy



December 4, 2008

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The CCAWS Annual December Champagne tasting will be at the home of Carmen and Richard on Sunday, December 14 at 2:00 pm.

**John Landon (or surrogate),** will present "**The 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 Blosverens by December 10<sup>th</sup> if you would like to attend—*the earlier, the better, because space is limited!* Please do not forget to bring something for the table. Also, don't forget your dues for next year (see below).

Other items of interest—

Last month's Tasting, "**Unusual Wines—What's For Thanksgiving?**"—Walt Rachele presented the topic to a sizable crowd. The list of wines tasted and the favorites follow:

Unusual Wines—What's For Thanksgiving?			
No.	Wine	Price	Votes
warmup	Rustico Nino Franco Prosecco (1.5L)	\$36	
1	Village Winery Apple NV, from VA	\$12	6
2	Hiddencroft Traminette 2007 from VA	\$17	2
3	Les Jamelles Cinsault 2005 from France	\$10	0
4	Belleview Winery Cranberry NV, from NJ	\$10	1
5	Village Winery Elderberry NV, from VA	\$15	0
<b>*6*</b>	<b>Hillsborough Bloodstone Fer Servadou 2005 from VA</b>	<b>\$32</b>	<b>17</b>
7	Greenhouse Winery Diamond NV, from PA	\$12	2

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- ***Wine Me Up Wine Bar & Shoppe*** at 61½ E. Main Street in Westminster ([www.winemeupshoppeandtavern.com](http://www.winemeupshoppeandtavern.com)) has been here since January so still qualifies as new, I suppose. Check it out.
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This is my last tasting newsletter as chair of CCAWS. The last four years have been a blast. The gavel will pass to Robert Horrocks for the next two years.

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