



## July 2025 Newsletter

**To:** Members and friends of the Carroll County, MD Chapter of the American Wine Society  
**From:** Becky Wilson, former Chair, and Dean Wilson, Webmaster.

Becky and I are in Sweden most of this month, we will try to see you at the Grillons' Picnic if the stars line up. So the newsletter is coming out a bit early.

## June Recap

While I didn't get to vote, because I knew too much and talked too much. It was a blind tasting of Australian wines, all selected from the AWS provided candidate list, and obtained by Alex Grandinetti of College Square Liquors (Thanks much Alex!). Each wine was bagged, the whites chilled, and the reds breathed at least 30 minutes. Scoring was done before the speculation and final reveal of each wine. After the flight, votes for favorites were cast for each, except the starter, the Black Box Australian Chardonnay, which was way too dark and flabby for my blood. Then the prices were revealed, and I had somehow mixed them up in my presentation, but the correct prices are shown below with my apologies! The National Tasting Project turned out like this:

Wine	Retail Price	Wine Votes
Torbreck Woodcutter Semillon 2024	\$25	13 Best Wht.
Henschke Riesling 2022	\$29	8
Torbreck Woodcutter Shiraz 2022	\$26	4
Yalumba Signature Red 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon/Shiraz	\$63	12 Best Red
Two Hands Sexy Beast Cabernet Sauvignon 2022	\$38	6
Yalumba Antique Tawny, NV Syrah, Grenache, Mourvèdre and others	\$21 (Split 375ml)	Winner Best Tawny
Black Box Australian Chardonnay (Warm-up)	\$6 (\$24 per 3- Liter Box)	Not Eligible

## National Tasting Project Results

The National Tasting Project results are quite interesting. We, with our group scoring averaged, tracked the Selection Committee judges' scores rather well. In the chart below, note the "Chapter Average" (dark blue box) in the Non-Judge columns (Nan was the only Judge)

### NTP – The Results

	NTPA		NTPC		NTPF		NTPJ		NTPN		NTPQ	
Producer	Torbreck		Henschke		Torbreck		Yalumba		Two Hands		Yalumba	
Label	Woodcutter's		Peggy's Hill		Woodcutter's		The Signature		Sexy Beast		Antique Tawny	
Vintage	2024		2022		2022		2018		2022			
Non-Judge / Judge	Judge	Non Judge	Judge	Non Judge	Judge	Non Judge	Judge	Non Judge	Judge	Non Judge	Judge	Non Judge
Chapter Min	14.5	8.0	14.0	10.0	16.0	9.0	17.0	14.0	17.5	12.0	18.0	10.0
Chapter Max	14.5	18.0	14.0	20.0	16.0	19.0	17.0	20.0	17.5	20.0	18.0	20.0
Chapter Average	14.5	15.8	14.0	15.8	16.0	17.9	17.0	17.9	17.5	15.6	18.0	17.9
Chapter Medals	Bronze	Silver	Bronze	Silver	Silver	Gold	Gold	Gold	Gold	Silver	Gold	Gold
National Min	14.0	8.0	14.0	10.0	15.5	9.0	12.5	11.0	16.0	11.0	15.5	10.0
National Max	17.0	20.0	17.5	20.0	17.0	20.0	17.5	20.0	17.5	20.0	18.5	20.0
National Average	16.5	15.7	17.3	15.6	16.0	15.6	17.1	18.0	17.3	15.7	18.1	18.3
National Medal	Silver	Silver	Gold	Silver	Silver	Silver	Gold	Gold	Gold	Silver	Gold	Gold
Selection Committee Results												
Average	15.6		15.9		16.1		17.0		15.6		18.0	
Medal	Silver		Silver		Silver		Gold		Silver		Gold	

We awarded the same medals to each wine with very close scoring, with the largest diversion being over Torbreck Woodcutter Shiraz at our 17.9 to 16.1 by the Committee.

## AWS News

Registration is OPEN for the 2025 National Conference in *Chantilly, Virginia* November 6-8!

Registration is open through

[Click here to go to Conference Registration](#)

## July Preview

It's the PICNIC! A family-style picnic at the Grillons' lovely vineyard estate, casually beginning at 2p.m., but late arrivals are also welcome. Bring kids, bathing suits and towels, as the pool will be open! Also likely are golf clubs whacking and the clanking of horseshoes! It's Bring Your Own Bottle(s) and a dish to share, but there will also be burgers & hot dogs with a probability of scattered chicken on the grill and the usual summer picnic fixings. The venue is mostly outdoors, so consider coolers, chairs, blankets hats and shade, and of course, sunblock!

## Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM

Thanks again to all the recent volunteers who have recently stepped up to host! We are still looking to fill much of the 2025 and all of the 2026 schedule, so see if you can fill any openings!

**If you can attend, please RSVP** via the website, [ccaws.net](http://ccaws.net) or RSVP as soon as you are able to or **Reply All** to this email with how many are attending.

Also, remember to please bring a food dish for the shared table after the tasting, not only for the picnic, but for tastings in general. Our table has gotten a bit sparse lately, with more takers than givers, it seems. Thanks for your understanding.

## Chapter and AWS Dues

Chapter dues are only \$10 per household, payable to CCAWS. You can pay John Landon in person at the tasting or mail it to him at: [the address found on the [Membership Brochure at ccaws.net](#)].

National AWS dues are as follows:

For one person - \$59 (for 1 year); \$159 (for 3 years)

For two people at the same address - \$89 (for 1 year); \$239 (for 3 years).

Other options are available, too.

To pay national AWS dues online, go to <http://americanwinesociety.org/join-now/> to join or renew your membership.

**Please keep in mind AWS requires that everyone who participates in AWS activities, which includes local chapter tastings, must be AWS members. Non-members and guests can only attend two times per year.**

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## Member Wine Discount

The following establishments offer discounts to AWS members (don't forget to show your card):

- College Square Liquors, Westminster
- Cranberry Liquors, Westminster
- Jeannie Bird Baking Company, Westminster
- Main Street Liquors, Hampstead
- The Wine Post, Glyndon
- Total Discount Liquors, Eldersburg

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## Find Us!

Our Facebook page: [Carroll County Chapter of the American Wine Society](#)



Our website: [CCAWS.net](http://ccaws.net)

### ***Call for HOSTS!***

Summer 2025 is HERE! We need hosts desperately! Please contact **Bill Sadler** at [bill.sadler@nyu.edu](mailto:bill.sadler@nyu.edu) to volunteer to House host or Wine host in the coming months. See the 2025 schedule below. If a Sunday doesn't work for you, let Bill know, and some changes are possible.

## Tasting Schedule

**Erratum:** Previous schedules published showed incorrect house hosts for August, sorry. The corrections are shown below.

We are always looking for future events. If you are interested in serving as a house or wine host, please reach out to Bill at [the **Chairperson** link on [ccaws.net](http://ccaws.net)] and we can set that up!

Month	House Host	Wine Host	Theme
		<b>2025</b>	
January 1/19/2025	<del>SNOWED OUT</del>	<del>SNOWED OUT</del>	<del>SNOWED OUT</del>
February 2/16/2025	Tammy Mangan	Nan Slick and Guest Speaker: Russ Lorber	Italy vs. France
March 3/16/2025	Hampton	Hampton	AI in the Vineyard
April 4/27/2025	Piper	Sadler	South Africa
May 5/18/2025	Reppe	Pipers	Wines of Puglia, Italy
June 6/15/2025	Breeding	D. Wilson	National Tasting Project: Australia
July 7/20/2025	Grillon	BYOB	PICNIC
August 8/17/2025	Sadler	Loew Vineyards Guest Speaker: Rachel Loew Lipman, Loew Vineyards	Loew's Maryland Wines
September 9/21/2025	Reppe	Lee Stewart with Guest Speaker: Gary Griggs	"Georgia On My Mind" (Not the state, the country!)
October 10/19/2025	Horrocks	?	?
November 11/16/2025	?	?	?
December 12/21/2025	Corynne Courpas	?	Sparkling Wine Gala