



January- 2021

To: Members of the CARROLL COUNTY MD CHAPTER/AMERICAN WINE SOCIETY

From: Corynne Courpas, Chapter Chair

Hi all,

You will see that the calendar is still a bit sparse. As we await the opportunity to go back to our old ways, I did have a thought. Perhaps someone would like to arrange a Spring/Summer tasting at one of our local wineries, where "social distancing" is possible... Anyone with ANY ideas, please reach out.

I know we are all looking forward to our ZOOM with Matt Cline on **February 21 (open at 3:00 for 4:00 start)**. Doc sent along the following info about the winery.

"Three Wine Company is much more than a business. It is a family winery focused on sustainable growing, coupled with a hands-on wine experience. Winemaker Matt Cline's philosophy is that: the dirt, the micro-climate, and sustainable wine growing (from vineyard to bottle) form the cornerstone of good winemaking, and is in every bottle three produces. Matt's winemaking career began in 1982 helping his brother at his Oakley winery; in 1985 he began as winemaker and creative director at Cline Cellars. In addition to his position at Cline in 1986 he joined Conn Creek as the assistant winemaker which lasted through 1989. Over the course of his 16 year career at Cline, Matt was responsible for branding Cline Cellars' unique style of winemaking. Cline Cellars' wines have won countless awards including the 1998 Sonoma County Harvest Fair Sweepstakes Award for his 1996 Syrah Los Carneros, selected from among 587 wines. Cline Cellars has also had the distinction of being one of Wine & Spirits Magazine's American Wineries of the Year in both 1999 and 2001."

Remember to order your wines using the sheet I sent and will attach again. FYI, Matt assures us that they do not sell their email list. You will get an email "blast" once or twice a month, but you can opt out at time of purchase

or when you receive the first blast. **Please RSVP to Doc and me by February 16.**

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LAST MONTH'S NEWS

Janine and Jerry put together a great challenge for us all. Thanks to them and all our enthusiastic participants. It's hard to track on ZOOM, but I think Dori Batavick gets the nod for most discerning palate. I am listing the wonderful selection of wines that were all purchased at College Square.

<i>Warmup- Villa Creek Rose 2019</i>	<i>\$17.99</i>	<i>2 votes</i>
<i>Old World</i>		
<i>Dept. 66 Others Grenache 2014</i>	<i>\$29.99</i>	<i>9 votes</i>
<i>Pierre Jean Villa 2015</i>	<i>\$41.99</i>	<i>0 votes</i>
<i>Chateau La Mothe Du Barry Bordeaux 2018</i>	<i>\$13.99</i>	<i>4 votes</i>
<i>New World</i>		
<i>Elizabeth Spencer Grenache 2016</i>	<i>\$25.99</i>	<i>5 votes</i>
<i>Gramercy Lower East Syrah 2016</i>	<i>\$29.99</i>	<i>2 votes</i>
<i>J. Lohr Los Osos Merlot 2018</i>	<i>\$16.99</i>	<i>5 votes</i>

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From: Corynne Courpas, Chapter Chair

Hi all,

So much news this month! Please note there are some changes. I will apologize in advance for any issues this causes (including a conflict with the HSCC tasting), but we are doing our best to take advantage of opportunities. This has resulted in a much fuller calendar than just a month ago.

First, our March tasting will be **on Sunday, March 14**, a week earlier than normal and previously noted. We have the opportunity (Thank you Walt, Pat and Nan) to partner with the NoLoCo Chapter on a special tasting. Their Chapter President, Jennifer Crafts, shares the following.

For our March meeting, we are in for a special treat. The topic is Banfi Super Tuscans, and our presenter will be Sharron McCarthy, a nationally known food and wine consultant. As VP of Wine education for Banfi Vintners, she has conducted many seminars for consumers, members of the wine trade, and students. She is a Certified Specialist of Wine and served as the President of the Society of Wine Educators (SWE) from 2007-2010, she was elected Director Emeritus in 2012.

Sharron has been a presenter at many of the AWS National Conferences. In 2015, she was the recipient of the AWS Award of Merit. Most recently, for the AWS 2020 Virtual Conference, she presented the session "Bewitching, Beguiling, Bewildering Brunello", available at: AWS Virtual Conference Banfi & Sharron McCarthy, Brunello and Wines of Tuscany- You Tube.

This will be a 2 oz pour tasting so please RSVP by March 10 and indicate whether you wish to pick up at my house or Sadlers.

This meeting will start at 4:00. Because of the change, our **Business Meeting will now take place prior to the APRIL tasting at 3:00.** I am working on an agenda for the Business Meeting so PLEASE forward any ideas.

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LAST MONTH'S NEWS

Our February tasting was quite a treat. Thanks to Doc and Roxanne for bringing Matt Cline of Three Wine Company to us. Matt has quite a story to tell about his 140 year old vines and the sand they grow in. All six wines were well received, but as you'll see, there was a real standout. Matt has extended the special shipping code CCWS10, in case you'd still like to try. I have ordered more of the Escapade and the Live Oak.

2019 Escapade White Wine Blend	2 Votes	\$20
2018 Old Vines Rose		\$16
2018 Zinfandel-Contra Cost County		\$18
2018 Field Blend Old Vines	1 vote	\$22
2016 Mataro Old Vines		\$26
2015 Zinfandel Live Oak	12 votes	\$36

Note: We had 23 attendees, but I was only able to capture above from the CHAT. If I missed your vote for another selection, do let me know!

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From: Corynne Courpas, Chapter Chair

Hi all,

Eileen Sien has another exciting tasting in store for us. We'll be tasting Matzinger Davies wines (<https://www.matzingerdavies.com>), lead by Anna Matzinger herself. According to Eileen, "Anna has been involved in winemaking for over 25 years with training in California, New Zealand and Australia and upon arriving in Oregon in 1999, spent 14 years at Archery Summit as Winemaker/General Manager. She and her husband (currently Executive Winemaker for A to Z and Rex Hill) started Matzinger Davies in 2006 and make small lots of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from the North Willamette Valley as well as Sauvignon Blanc and Grenache from the Columbia River Gorge in Oregon. Anna will be discussing their winemaking process as well as the ageability and taste of some different Pinot Noir vintages. If there is anything specific you would like to know about Oregon winemaking, viticulture, etc. that would focus the conversation, she is 'all ears' and would like to make the event as beneficial and engaging as possible."

We'll be tasting 2 ounce pours of 4-5 wines that will be shipped from Oregon. We have some "wiggle room", **but please get your RSVP's to Eileen (ESien@adci-corp.com) and me as soon as you can.** Remember to indicate whether you plan to pick up from Sadler home or mine.

As announced our **Annual Business Meeting** will take place prior to the **tasting at 3:00.** Please provide your own "warm up" to enjoy for that hour. I am attaching my tentative AGENDA. All input still welcomed.

AND NOW, THIS JUST IN from our Regional VP Wendy Weiss!

Gloria Reustle is inquiring about rescheduling their tasting that was cancelled last Spring. They have an open week June 7-13. This would be an indoor venue, in line with whatever mandates are in place. Flyer will be attached. Right now, we are just gauging interest so please let me know your thoughts.

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What an informative and delicious tasting we had in March! Thanks to the NoLoCo Chapter for letting us join in. Sharron McCarthy is a font of industry knowledge and the Super Tuscans lived up to our expectations. I was so happy to have Simone share the tasting with me. We are looking into buying the Centine for our every day pleasure. We'll save the last 2 selections for special occasions. As we had such a large number of participants, the poll for favorite was tabulated by percentages. Like last month, there was a resounding favorite.

2016 Fontanelle Chardonnay	6%	\$23.99
2018 Centine Rosso	4%	13.99
2016 Belnero	2%	35.99
2016 Cum Laude	15%	42.99
2016 Summus	55%	77.99
2014 Excelsus	17%	94.99

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MINUTES of April 18, 2021 CCAWS Business Meeting

Treasurer's Report from Mr. Landon Last year's balance (3/20/20) was \$829.33
This year as of 3/2021 \$913.23

Scholarship Dedication Walt Rachele 2020 Peter Hausler
2022 Max and Ann White
We have \$2,980.53 we need \$520.00 to be
fully funded by the end of 2021

Chair Emeritus and Vice Chair you agreed to stay on through 2022 (YAY YOU!) and then Bill Sadler would step into the Chair position.

Information to Incoming Chair This was a bit confusing as I assume you would be transferring all the stuff to Bill when the time comes

(Note from Corynne: It appears that everything needed except the email distribution list is on the website. I will transfer list to Bill , perhaps before the transition so that i have a backup.)

A shout out to Dean Wilson Website Wizard!

Chapter and National growth/Marketing comments on a newsletter from the National regarding seeking younger members and reaching out to local business (wineries, restaurants, liquor stores) to promote knowledge of the AWS. Ask local wineries to join the AWS and perhaps offering them a discounted membership . (I do not have solid notes on this but I thought you said you were working with the National for ideas) (Corynne again- I am:))

Chapter news reporting to National
Ron Riley and I have to get our butts in motion!

CCAWS Business

Maps to tasting destinations - please keep including

Continue with Zoom as we see what develops with COVID

We need to update the Membership list and delete non-paying names

May tasting - only Corynne will be pouring as Bill is picking up his daughter from school. The

Breedings will have the South Carroll area pick up site

June Tasting a bit up in the air right now. More details to follow

Whew! Cheers! - Nan

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From: Corynne Courpas, Chapter Chair

Hi all,

Welcome Spring! I am so happy to be outside for entertaining, dining, drinking wine and even *mowing*.

As many of you know we have decided to **ZOOM again on May 16**. As for June, understandably, Ron and Linda are not comfortable hosting such a (typically) large group. Please stay tuned as we are exploring several options.

As announced, we had our Annual Meeting Prior to our April tasting. Thanks to all for your engaged participation. We discussed several topics, including where we go from here. There are still more questions than answers, but I know we'll make good decisions, with all your help. Our wonderful Secretary Nan has provided Minutes [above].

And now, speaking of Nan, let's get back to MAY!! Nan tells us that " Hybrid grapes are another 'family' of grapes that produce lovely and interesting wines to taste! There will be 5 or 6 wines plus a warm-up." Nan is firming up deliveries, but we know it will be an educational and FUN tasting.

Please note that pick ups for MAY will be Saturday **May 15 BUT THE SOUTH CARROLL PICK UP WILL BE AT THE BREEDING HOME** ! (map below) The Sadlers are taking a well deserved break to bring Madison home. Huge thanks to Lynn and Joe and to Becky Wilson and Simone Haslauer who will help me pour Friday night.

Please RSVP to Nan and me **by May 12**. Please specify if you will pick up at my house or the Breedings.

[omitted from public newsletter]

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I know that all our participants would agree that we had another amazing tasting in March. Huge thanks to Eileen Sien for bringing Anna Matzinger and her delicious wines to us. I believe we were all struck by her passion for, and real connection to, her winemaking. I'm looking forward to ordering more bottles. Unlike the last couple of tastings, there was not a resounding favorite; we loved them all. Our results are below. Please note that we voted for Whites and Reds separately, and I either missed them, or a couple people did not vote for whites....Sorry!

2019 Matzinger Davies Gorgeous Savvy Sauvignon Blanc	10 votes	\$ 22.00
2017 MD Chehalem Mountains Chardonnay	4 votes	33.00
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2016 MD Gorgeous Grenache	4 votes	42.00
2017 MD Eola Amity Pinot Noir	6 votes	50.00
2012 MD Eola Amity Pinot Noir	8 votes	55.00

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YEARS OF WINE DISCOVERY

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From: Corynne Courpas, Chapter Chair

Hi All,

WONDERFUL news for June 20 National Tasting

Project Simone has secured us a lovely indoor/ outdoor venue with plenty of room to spread out. We will be tasting 9! Wines **at 2:00 PM at Rob's Bluegrass Barn**
821 View West Drive
Westminster 21158

For photos go to www.robsbluegrassbarn.net (But we will experience the beautiful setting in the daytime and will NOT have a bonfire. 😊) I have experienced many wonderful evenings at the Barn, including the Historical Society's Bourbon and Bocce fundraiser and the monthly concerts.

The Barn will have spacious indoor seating as well as a tent outside the large barn doors. Rob Miller is also including a sound system, tables, chairs, running water for cleanup, plenty of parking and 2 clean spot a pots. Simone is generously starting us off with a donation. No more is needed, but I will "pass the hat" if you are so inclined. Sadly, Simone will be traveling to Austria so will not be joining us that day. We wish her safe travels and thank her so much for getting this rolling.

Dean Wilson will be our presenter this year as Pat and Walt will be in Virginia. I will serve as "house host" and provide cheese and bread, paper plates and napkins. You are free to bring your own food AND/ OR a dish to share. WHATEVER you are comfortable with!

As this is a whole new experience, I'm asking that you RSVP to me and Dean as soon as you can, but by June 17. We have purchased 4 bottles of each wine. Hoping for a BIG turnout!

Note: If you are still uncomfortable in gathering, but would like to do the NTP, please contact me and I'll do my best to work it out for you.

***Please continue to return any bottles from previous tastings...*

LAST MONTH'S NEWS

Huge thanks to Nan for an educational, and FUN, experience. The "high bred" hybrids were interesting and quite tasty. And a shout out to shopping local, as well. Virginia and Maryland did not disappoint. I also want to thank my pouring team for standing in and giving the Sadlers a much deserved break. Thanks to Dean, Becky and Simone for pouring and Joe and Lynne for being the South Carroll pick up. (We actually turned Friday night into quite a little party.)

And now for the results. Note that we voted reds and whites separately.

Willowcroft Seyval 2018	3 votes	\$ 25.00
Big Cork Vidal Blanc 2019	4	18.99
868 Estate Chardoneel 2017	7	25.00

Nan notes on that Chardoneel. "Not bad for being slightly faded"

Loew VineyardsChancellor 2017	4	21.99
Horton Vineyards Norton 2018	3	12.99
Hiddencroft Vineyards Reserve Chambourcin 2014	7	22.99

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Hi All,

Wasn't it wonderful to get together in June?? I do so hope we are out of the woods.

And now we have our fun and relaxing Picnic to look forward to. It will be at the lovely country estate of George and Jackie Grillon, **on July 18 starting at 2:00 pm.**

Practice your Horseshoe tossing and bring a bottle of wine and a dish to share. Bring your swimsuit if you wish to enjoy their beautiful pool! Please RSVP to Jackie Grillon jgrillon@qis.net and me. As always, the picnic is open to all members and their families and we will provide hamburgers and hot dogs. So that we may shop, we'd like to have a pretty accurate count **by July 12.**

There are a lot of things to organize to finish out 2021, so please respond in any way you can to below.

August- I am happy to "house host". If someone is willing to be the "wine host" that would be great. Otherwise, we'll do a BYOB. Suggested themes; White, red or rose, depending on first letter of your last name. Or maybe, just bring your favorite hot weather beverage and each talk briefly about it. Note, I am leaving this open for you beer or cocktail drinkers to "go rogue".

September- I'll be traveling overseas. I'll send out a newsletter before I leave, but I'm looking for a "team" to take over from there. Note: I did contact Old Westminster Winery and they are still not booking groups. But a Winery or other site is an option for that month and below. Think outside the box!

October and **November** are still open.

AND, while you have your thinking caps on, I've been asked to discuss the possibility of changing our date in June 2022. Some of our stalwarts, and

some new potential members, understandably chose to spend Father's Day with their kids/dads. There's no rush, but I would like to decide before the end of 2021. Please forward your thoughts to me and I will compile and share. If no clear cut consensus, we'll vote.

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I hope all would agree that Simone found us a gem for our location! Our nine NTP wines were outstanding. If I heard one overall comment, it was "who knew ILLYRIAN wines would be so interesting... and delicious." We had some extra bottles and there was a great demand among attendees to purchase. Thanks to our "Treasurer for Life", John Landon, for managing this.

HUGE thanks to Pat Valas for securing the wines and Dean Wilson for his excellent presentation. And thanks to Becky Wilson and Simone for keeping the wine flowing.

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August/ September -
2021

To: Members of the CARROLL COUNTY MD CHAPTER/AMERICAN WINE SOCIETY

From: Corynne Courpas, Chapter Chair

Hi All,

There are still a lot of question marks in 2021. I appreciate the feedback I've gotten from some, but honestly need some help if we are going to resume before November. (HUGE thanks to the Sadlers for stepping up for that month.) For now, this will be my last newsletter til I return from my Danube cruise. (Fingers crossed, I'll be able to go.) Expect a newsletter in early October. I will forward any, and all updates before I leave mid September, though.

August- It seems to be the consensus to take the month off.

September- I've had no volunteers to host or lead, so far. One suggestion is that I'll be happy to coordinate groups that might want to visit a Winery. Old Westminster is taking reservations for groups from a picnic table of four to a gathering space up to 30. The latter does require a minimum purchase (including food, wine and take home) that would be quite reasonable if you get a group of 20 or more. Note that food cannot be brought in.

September 19 also falls on WINE FESTIVAL weekend. I haven't been in several years, but perhaps some of you want to give it a try. Maybe it will not be as crazy in this pandemic world? It could also be risky if the crowd is young and unvaccinated.. In any case, I'll share emails if a few of you express interest.

October- HOSTS Needed

November 4-6 National Conference in Atlantic City. Several of us are planning to attend.

November and December are filled!

Reminder, I've been asked to discuss the possibility of changing our date in June 2022. Some of our stalwarts, and some new potential members, understandably chose to spend Father's Day with their kids/dads. There's no rush, but I would like to decide before the end of 2021. Please forward your thoughts to me and I will compile and share. If no clearcut consensus, we'll vote.

LAST MONTH'S NEWS

What a lovely day at the Grillons! We shared great food, great wine and great company! We even got a tour of their latest restoration project on this amazing historical property. Thanks to all who attended and especially to Jackie, George and their beautiful family for their hospitality.

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October- November

2021

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From: Corynne Courpas, Chapter Chair

Hi All,

I am back from a wonderful trip. I have a whole new appreciation for our friend Simone's favorite grape; Gruner Veltliner. Sipping the resulting wine while cruising through acres and acres of the vines was magnificent. I'll be sure to bore you all with more stories when we next meet.

Now down to business. Please note that I am, once again, sending a newsletter for two months. I am making the "executive decision" to take October off. I think we are all still a little cautious of this Delta variant and I've had no volunteers to take the helm.

BUT THE GOOD NEWS!

Big thanks to Bill and Michelle Sadler who will host us on November 21. We'll raise our first glasses at 2:00 pm. Below are notes from Bill and Michelle.

Please RSVP to Bill at [use the online RSVP link] at your earliest convenience. PLEASE cc me as well and if you are able, include your tentative interest in December 12 Champagne event. We are

anticipating availability issues especially with imports, so we'd like to give both wine hosts as much time as possible.

*We'll be tasting Rhone style wines, some old world and some new world. The tasting will be blind so we can have fun deciding old vs new and identifying varietals in the blend.

*Tasting will be limited to 30 people so as not to crowd too much.

* Please attend only if you are vaccinated. Many of us are high risk ourselves and/or work in high risk settings. We know that masks are not reasonable when we will be eating and drinking most of the time!

*Cost will be at least \$25-\$30 per person (we'll do our best to limit), but will likely include seven wines.

November 4-6 National Conference in Atlantic City. Several of us are planning to attend and we have received assurance that New Jersey and Harrah's are ready to host us safely.

2022

I'd like to start discussing with you at the Sadler's, plans to get the first couple months scheduled. Reminder, I've been asked to discuss the possibility of changing our date in June 2022. Some of our stalwarts, and some new potential members, understandably chose to spend Father's Day with their kids/dads. Everyone I've heard from, to date, is IN FAVOR of the change, so speak now... or...you know the rest.

LAST MONTH'S NEWS

Huge thanks to Janine Wilson who organized a group to visit Old Westminster Winery. Janine reports that ten guests enjoyed pizza, music and of course, WINE! "The weather was beautiful and the service was great." And I understand that we may even have some new recruits for our chapter!

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**DECEMBER 2021-
January 2022**

To: Members of the CARROLL COUNTY MD CHAPTER/AMERICAN WINE SOCIETY

From: Corynne Courpas, Chapter Chair

Hi All,

It's champagne time again! Where do the years go? I know that Eileen and her able assistant Simone, are hard at work securing our bubbly and preparing a great presentation. Please RSVP to me asap, if you have not already. FYI, we are not going to attempt a hybrid for this event. We're just not well behaved enough for that. 😊 Not to mention that we cannot pre-pour bubbly....

As always, please bring a dish to share.

[email the Chairperson from the link on our website www.ccaws.net]

BASKETS FOR AWSEF I have taken the liberty of asking Becky Wilson and Kelly Horrocks to each assemble a basket. (When you read below, you will understand why our commitment to financing a scholarship is so important and valued.) I am asking anyone who wishes to support this effort, to send John Landon or me checks made out to (tax deductible) AWSEF. We are asking \$25 per chance to win these wonderful WINE themed and WINE filled creations. You can also bring your checks on December 12, but you need NOT be present to WIN! (Note that if you are mailing a check, please consider enclosing your Annual local dues in a separate check as described below.)

November 4-6 National Conference in Atlantic City. I was so privileged to attend this wonderful weekend. Added to my personal education and enjoyment, was receiving a Chapter award for our participation in the AWSEF scholarship program. Did you know that it began when our own Pat Valas and Walt Rachele planted a seed to memorialize one of the founders of AWS and our Chapter, G. Hamilton Mowbray? Thanks to all for the honor of representing our illustrious chapter.

Also note that thanks to another very generous donation from Pat, we will be funding a \$3500.00 scholarship in memory of Max and Ann White in 2022.



2022

Where do I start? Things are looking up, I think.... I have sketched in our regular hosts on the calendar below and I know we'll have some additional volunteers! We need wine and house hosts, but I already

have at least two willing house hosts, so if you are willing to wine host, please let me know. As you mark your calendars, please note that **three tastings** will now be on the **second Sunday** of the month to work around holiday schedules.

I will be traveling in January, so unless someone wants to lead, we are looking to schedule February on. As John L. and I agreed this morning, if we are going to take a time out, Winter month(s) are the best time to do so!

LAST MONTH'S NEWS

Huge thanks to the Sadlers for hosting a terrific hybrid meeting for November. Whether in person or on Zoom, our participants enjoyed seven Rhone style wines. This blind tasting certainly tested even the best palates among us. We tasted for "old world" vs "new world" as well as varietals. I'm just glad that we can all laugh at ourselves....

Now the Results:

Cherry House 2020, Rose. Paso Robles	Voted "Fave Rose"	\$17.99
Chateau Beauchene Blanc 2020	7 votes	\$16.00
Domaine du Bois de Saint Jean Madame d'Ust 2020	7 votes	\$24.00
Chateau La Nerthe- Chateauneuf-du-Pape 2020	5 votes	\$63.00
Result- a tie for favorite WHITE		
Alain Jaume 2016, Rasteau Les Valats	6 votes	\$22.00
Cherry House 2018, Paso Robles	6 votes	\$28.00
Elixir-Chateauneuf-du-Pape 2018	8 votes	\$42.00
FAVORITE		

And yes, I am aware that vote totals, between reds and whites, don't match up. All I can say is that we missed the diligence of Secretary Nan!

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