

By submitting information about your tastings to **Chapter Events**, you take advantage of a golden opportunity to promote your chapter and get national recognition for the hard work that goes into planning and hosting tastings, gatherings and events. What better to give some well-deserved praise to those hosts and hostesses than by seeing their name in print!

Include up to 12 lines to explain the theme of the tasting and how it was received by the members. Then, provide a list of the wines that you tasted and their prices and rankings. Remember, the AWS motto is **Promoting Appreciation of Wine through Education**. Are you helping to meet the mission? What was the outcome of the judging? What was learned?

Here is a sample of a submission in the approved format:

The **Raritan Valley (NJ) Chapter** met on September 14, at the home of Lou and Madeline Piancone for a tasting featuring the Wines of Sicily. Twenty-seven members and guests were present. Many Sicilian wines are available in the US. Research found that Sicily's terrain is very rocky and mountainous with many of the better wines grown and produced in the rich volcanic soil near Mt. Etna. It was also learned that, only recently, Sicily's winemaking methodology has improved and we will see in the near future more improved quality wines coming from this beautiful Mediterranean island.

2000 Rovittello (Red Wine) produced by Benanti	\$32
2006 Nero d'Avola produced by Morgante	\$17 (2)
2003 Kaid produced by Alessandro Camporeale	\$20 (3)
2004 Rebecca produced by Firriato	\$40 (1)

DO

- Follow the format.
- Use a common program such as MS Word, Corel WordPerfect, or simply send it in the body of an e-mail.
- List the first and last names of the hosts and the date of the event.
- E-mail the submission as soon as possible after the event.
- E-mail your submission to ChapterEvents@AmericanWineSociety.org

DO NOT

- List your wines in spreadsheet or table format.
- Use Publisher, Adobe, or any obscure program to send in your submissions.
- List "cents" as part of the price. Round to the closest dollar (round \$18.99 to \$19).
- Send information from a scanned document.
- Send results of the National Tasting Project for use in Chapter Events (send those directly to Mike Blake for compilation).

Unfortunately, we will have to exclude / delete submissions that do not follow the approved format.

The deadlines for *AWS News* are: January 12 for the February issue; March 12 for April; May 12 for June; July 12 for August; September 12 for October; and November 18 for December. It's our practice to print just one event, per chapter per issue, but please feel free to submit information for all your chapter meetings.

AWS depends on volunteers donating their time to make it the great organization that it is. Your help by following the format will go a long way!

Sincerely,

Jack Kraft
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