



# **AMERICAN WINE SOCIETY**

## **Grapevine**

**Lehigh Valley Chapter**

**August 2020**



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### **VIRTUAL BYOB**

#### **"A Grape No One Has Heard Of"**

Friday August 14, 2020 5:00 – 6:00 PM

Hosts: Leslie and Peter Staffeld

Via Zoom

### **August Lehigh Chapter Tasting**

#### **Barolo Versus Barbaresco Tasting**

Saturday August 29, 2020 5:00 PM

Host: Joe Pugliese

Virtual Event on Zoom



### **September Lehigh Chapter Tasting**

#### **Showcasing Wines of Greece**

Sunday September 13, 2020 3:00 PM

Hosts: Tami Cericola, Cheryl Hildebrandt, Jan Thomas  
Nostos Restaurant

701 N. 19<sup>th</sup> Street in Allentown, Pa. 18104



### **VIRTUAL BYOB**

#### **"Petite Sirah"**

Friday September 18, 2020 5:00 – 6:00 PM

Hosts: Leslie and Peter Staffeld

Via Zoom

## **Connections from the Co-Chairs – Peter & Leslie Staffeld**

Dear Members,

Happy Summer to all!

Many thanks go to **Bonnie and Dean Scott**. On July 24 they hosted the Chapter's July Virtual Tasting with wines from **Pinnacle Ridge Winery** with special guest **Brad Knapp**. **Dean** and Pinnacle's owner and winemaker, **Brad Knapp**, discussed farming in the Lehigh Valley and three wonderful wines from Pinnacle. More details and photos are included in this newsletter.



We invite you to join us for the LVAWS virtual BYOBs. When you register on the website you will receive the link to Zoom. Remember, there is no cost and there is a lot of comradery! We hope you'll join the fun. The theme for **August 14** is **“A Grape That No One Has Heard Of”**. Then on Friday, **September 18** at 5pm we'll host another virtual BYOB with a **“Petite Sirah”** theme. So, mark your calendar and select your wines.

This month **Joe Pugliese** is hosting the Virtual Chapter Tasting. On **August 29** at 5pm we will explore **Barolo Versus Barbaresco**. Both wines are the same grape, from the same region and bottled the same year - yet are different wines. Joe will explain using two Chairman Selection wines. Details are in this newsletter.

In September, **Tami Cericola, Cheryl Hildebrandt, and Jan Thomas** are co-hosting **“Wines of Greece”**. This is the LVAWS Chapter's first in-person tasting since last February! It will be held at Nostros Restaurant in Allentown on **September 13**. Safety precautions such as limited seating (20 people), masks, tables for 2, and spaced tables will be in place. Details are in this newsletter.

The Chapter's work toward adopting Bylaws and Operating Procedures continues. The Executive Committee and the Board of Directors have given input. The documents are in this newsletter so that the entire membership can provide feedback. The Board will discuss the members' feedback and then the proposed Bylaws and Operating Procedures will be posted for a month and all members will then have the opportunity to vote.

We have a great Chapter because of the extraordinary people in the group! We look forward to seeing you each in person. Until then continue to stay safe and stay healthy.

Cheers!

**Peter and Leslie Staffeld**

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**Are you interested in hosting the October Tasting?** If so, please let us know at [Chair@LVAWS.org](mailto:Chair@LVAWS.org).

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## **VIRTUAL BYOB**

### **"A Grape No One Has Heard Of"**

Friday August 14, 2020 5:00 – 6:00 PM

Hosts: Leslie and Peter Staffeld

Can you stump your fellow members? Do a little research and find a wine with a grape that is new to the group. Then sit back, relax and share your result with dozens of fellow LVAWS members, all from the safety of your home

Register on [LVAWS.org](http://LVAWS.org) and receive the link to Zoom.

### **August Lehigh Chapter Tasting**

## **Barolo Versus Barbaresco**

Saturday July 29, 2020 5:00 PM

Host: Joe Pugliese

Virtual Event on Zoom

On Saturday, August 29 at 5PM, Joe Pugliese will lead members through a tasting of two Chairman's Selection Wines. This event will be presented virtually on Zoom. Directions will be provided when members register on the [LVAWS.org](http://LVAWS.org) website.

Joe has selected two wines both from the same year, the same Piedmont region and both from the *Nebbiolo* grape to compare.



The first is [2015 Bersano Nirvasco Barolo](#) from Piedmont, Italy. James Suckling scored this wine at 92 points and describes it as "A very perfumed nose with abundant fresh and dried red flowers, as well as herbs and dried red cherries. The palate has a succulent, juicy and quite densely fruited core with plush, smooth and round tannins clasping the finish. Drink from 2022." The Pennsylvania Wine and Spirits store offers this \$50 bottle for just \$26 right now. It is available at the Cedar Crest, Promenade and Quakertown stores.



The other wine is [2015 Roberto Sarotto Barbaresco Riserva](#) also from Piedmont, Italy. The winemaker describes this wine as "... a complex wine whose nose has a distinctive hint of roses and violets. It has a deep ruby color, a refined smooth taste with a slight aroma of ripe plum, licorice, spices and chocolate. Soft tannins give a particular sensation of sweetness and a long velvet finish. Excellent for serving with red meat courses and cheeses, but also a sipping wine." The Pennsylvania Wine and Spirits store offers this \$35 bottle for just \$18 right now. It is available at the Cedar Crest, Promenade and Quakertown stores.

**Pick up your own wines at a state store (hurry as these may sell out) and there is no additional cost for this tasting. We hope you'll join Joe as we learn more about the *Nebbiolo* grape and the Piedmont region of northwest Italy! Register on [LVAWS.org](http://LVAWS.org) today.**



## September Lehigh Chapter Tasting

### Wines of Greece

Sunday, September 13, 3 PM

Hosts: Tami Cericola, Cheryl Hildebrandt, Jan Thomas

Nostos Restaurant

701 N. 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Allentown, PA18104



Please join us for a tasting of wonderful Greek wines. We selected wines that provide a nice cross section of the style, tastes and character of Greece. We will sample ten wines. The wines are from the Peloponnese, West Macedonia, Kefalonia, Santorini and Crete regions.

Attendees will choose their dinner selections from the restaurant's menu and pay upon leaving.

The **cost for this tasting is \$25.00**. There is a **20-attendee limit for this tasting** so please reserve your attendance early by paying online at the [LVAWS.org](http://LVAWS.org) website by September 5. Price includes wine and appetizers.

In order to facilitate social distancing, Nostos will arrange the room with tables for 2. Please remember to wear a mask and bring a **bottle of wine** to enjoy with your meal.

If you have any questions, please contact **Jan Thomas** at: [Janthom51@aol.com](mailto:Janthom51@aol.com)



## September Lehigh Chapter Virtual BYOB

### Petite Sirah

Friday September 18, 2020 5:00 – 6:00 PM

Hosts: Leslie and Peter Staffeld

Select your favorite Petite Sirah or try a new vintage. Either way, pick a bottle and share your wine with dozens of fellow LVAWS members, all from the safety of your home.

Register on [LVAWS.org](http://LVAWS.org) and receive the link to Zoom.

## Pinnacle Ridge Tasting hosted by Dean and Bonnie Scott

On July 24, thirty-two members joined **Brad Knapp** virtually to learn about the wines of [Pinnacle Ridge Winery](#) and three fabulous wines: **2017 Sparkling Cuvee Chardonnay, 2018 Dry Riesling, and the 2016 Veritas**. [Pinnacle Ridge](#) is located in Kutztown, Pennsylvania and is the most awarded Pennsylvania winery in the state.

**Brad** spoke about the hardships of being a farmer. "Weather is wacky", **Brad** told the group. He said that it is hard to make a living on the farming side because you need about one hundred and fifty acres of vineyard with professionals caring for the grapes. **Brad** has been growing grapes for over 30 years and recently he lost half of his crop to an early frost and another year the tractor got stuck in the mud due to all of the rain.

## **Pinnacle Ridge Tasting continued**

In his vineyard in Kutztown he grows an acre of Pinot Noir, an acre of Chardonnay and less than an acre of both Chambourcin and Cabernet Franc. This produces 10-12 tons of grapes on site while he uses 80 tons annually. So, up until 2018, he purchased grapes from Stony Run in Kempton. When that contract ended, Brad started using a variety of vineyards to make his wines. Because of growing conditions in the Valley, it has been a challenge to find enough local fruit. Only the Veritas continues to be totally made with Lehigh Valley grapes. So, for the other varieties, Brad brings in the juice to ferment the grapes and make the wines at Pinnacle Ridge. He has also built a production room next to the barn that is temperature controlled. He uses it for cold fermentation, pressing, and tanks.



The first wine we tasted, the 2017 Cuvee Chardonnay, was made from 100% Pennsylvania Chardonnay grapes. It offers 12% alcohol, about 17-18 brix and is high in acid with a traditional yeast aroma. This wine is the driest of Pinnacle's sparkling wines and is made using the Methode Champenoise. It has a nose of apple, honey, Asian pear and toastiness. It has a light, crisp taste and a very clean finish.

Brad told the story of how he got into wine making as a home winemaker. He made sparkling wines for over ten years before going commercial. For the Cuvee Chardonnay the juice was fermented and then the new wine was bottled with yeast for a secondary fermentation the spring following the vintage (in this case the Spring of 2018). The wine then aged for a little under two years en tirage and was disgorged, and bottled in the winter (in this case the winter of 2019-2020). Pinnacle Ridge now makes 5 sparkling varieties, taking about 1,440 bottles (12 riddling racks that hold 120 bottles each) through the riddling process at a time! Brad suggests to drink sparkling wines within 5 years to maintain the quality and quantity of the bubbles.

Then we tasted the 2018 Dry Riesling. This wine earned Gold at the 2019 Finger Lakes International Wine Competition. Brad said that this was his first year going out for juice and he found the grapes from Erie, Pennsylvania to be less ripe and more acidic. After fermentation he bottled it young to provide a fruit driven wine. He used very little sugar (4 grams per liter) to balance the acid (7.5-8 grams per liter) and it does not have any malolactic acid. Brad said, "It is not about sweetness; it's about how it feels in your mouth." Brad shared some of his vast knowledge when discussing trocken Rieslings (dry German) from the Mosel versus warmer climates. He reminded us that when making wine, "you have to let the fruit talk. What is the best style for the wine?" A dry Riesling has a longer shelf life.

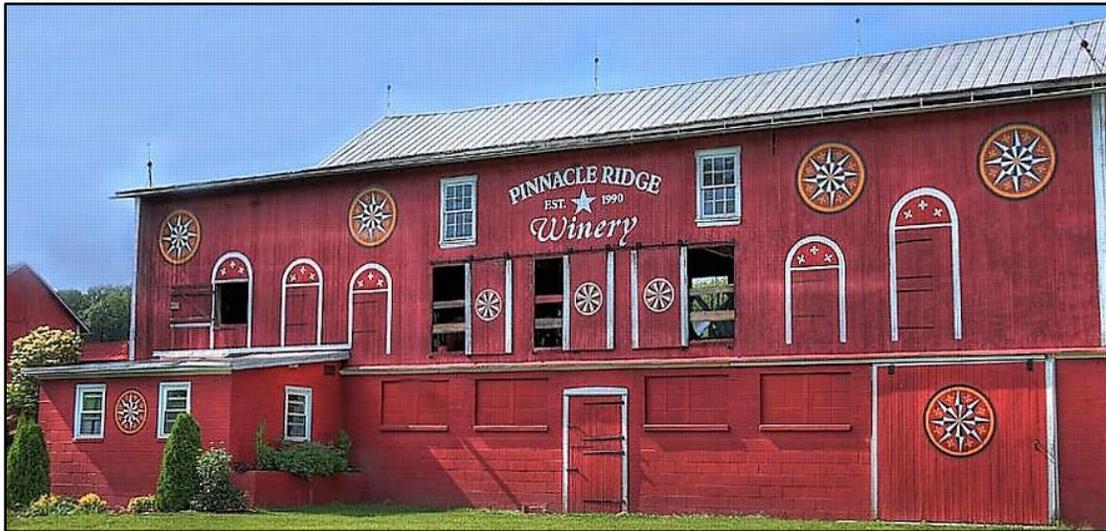
The third wine we tasted was the 2016 Veritas. It consists of 53% Merlot, 27% Cab Sauvignon, 13% Cabernet Franc, and 7% Petit Verdot. He is especially proud of this wine because all of the grapes are from the Lehigh Valley. Some of the grapes are from Dean and Bonnie Scott's vineyard! While it is 100% local fruit, Brad explained that it is hard to grow red wine grapes in the Lehigh Valley because we have too much rain. The Valley provides enough heat because the summers are warm. With this wine Brad emulates a Bordeaux style and he only makes it in the good years such as 2007, 2010, 2015 and 2016. "This wine requires two important things," Brad explained, "good grapes and enough of them."

Veritas' aroma is earthy, smoky and peppery with hints of plum. The taste is not tannic, the tannins are silky, yet there is an influence of wood and vanilla in the background. There is a long finish. Brad suggests that this wine should age nicely for 5-8 years.

## **Pinnacle Ridge Tasting - continued**

In addition to producing 24 different wines, Brad offers sixtel kegs for those who are interested in wine on tap. This option requires wine hardware for your kegerator with special tubing and a nitro tap. Sounds like an awesome option!

Many thanks go to Bonnie and Dean Scott for hosting and facilitating this wonderful opportunity for our LVAWS members and thanks go to Brad Knapp, owner and founder of Pinnacle Ridge Winery for sharing his expertise.



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## **Education: Wines of Greece- Tami Cericola, Cheryl Hildebrant, Jan Thomas**

Greece is one of the oldest wine producing regions in the world and among the first wine-producing territories in Europe. The earliest evidence of Greek wine has been dated to 6,500 years ago where wine was produced on a household or communal basis. In ancient times, as trade in wine became extensive, it was transported from end to end of the Mediterranean. Greek wine had especially high prestige in Italy under the Roman Empire. In the medieval period, wines exported from Crete, Monemvasia and other Greek ports fetched high prices in Northern Europe.

There is evidence suggesting that Greece is home to the second oldest known grape wine. Remnants show of world's earliest crushed grapes. The Ancient Greeks introduced vines such as *Vitis Vinifera* and made wine in their numerous colonies in Italy, Sicily, southern France and Spain. The *Vitis Vinifera* grape, which thrives in temperate climates near coastal areas with mild winters and dry summers, adapted well and flourished in the Northern Mediterranean areas.



In 1937, a Wine Institute was established by the Ministry of Agriculture. During the 1960's, *retsina* (a Greek white resinated wine) suddenly became associated worldwide with Greece and Greek wine. Resinated wine is a type of wine which derives part of the flavor from exposure to tree resin, most generally pine resin. Prior to the widespread use of barrels in Europe, wine was stored in amphorae (Greek jar with 2 handles), often sealed with pine resin. Greece's first Cabernet Sauvignon vineyard was planted in 1963. In 1971 and 1972 legislation established appellation laws.

## Education: Wines of Greece - Continued

The influence of wine in Ancient Greece helped Ancient Greece trade with neighboring countries and regions. Many mannerisms and cultural aspects were associated with wine. It led to great change in Ancient Greece as well. The peoples of the Mediterranean began to emerge from barbarism when they learned to cultivate the olive and the vine.

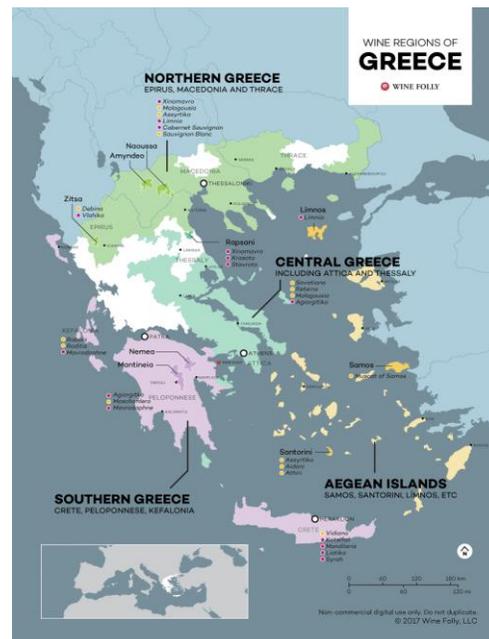
The ancient Greeks pioneered new methods of viticulture and wine production that they shared with early winemaking communities in what are now France, Italy, Austria and Russia. Along the way, they markedly influenced the ancient European winemaking cultures of the Celts, Etruscans and ultimately the Romans.

The Greeks practiced an early form of pigeage (the process of breaking up the thick layer of skins, stems, and seeds that forms at the surface of fermenting wine) when grapes were ready for crushing. Wicker baskets filled with grapes were placed inside wooden or earthenware vats with a rope or plank above. Vineyard workers grasped the rope for balance to crush the grapes with their feet. After crushing, the grapes were placed in a large pithoi, jars where fermentation took place.

Greek innovations include the harvest of deliberately unripe grapes in producing a more acidic wine for blending. The boiling of grape must was discovered as another means of adding sweetness to the wine.

Wine was almost always diluted, usually with water (or snow when the wine was to be served cold). The Greeks believed that only barbarians drank unmixed or undiluted wine and that the Spartan king Cleomenes was once driven insane after drinking wine that way. They also believed that undiluted wine could even kill the drinker.

The medicinal use of wine was frequently studied by the Greeks, including Hippocrates who did extensive research on the topic. He used wine as a cure for fevers, to ease convalescence.



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## Chairman's Selection -- Dean Scott

Here are 3 Charmain Selections this month from Italy to complement Joe's Pulgiese, Barolo Versus Barbaresco Virtual Tasting. Don't forget to pick up 2015 Bersano Nirvasco Barolo and 2015 Roberto Sarotto Barbaresco Riserva for the virtual tasting, and while you are at the LCB store pick up these 3 gems. They are available at almost every store.

### **Tenuta di Burchino Il Burchino Toscana 2015**

**VARIETY/STYLE:** Proprietary Red Blend

**REGION:** Tuscany      **RATING:** JS - 92      **PRODUCT CODE:** 000079109      **\$12.99**

**Expert Notes:** "Perfumed with dark fruits, orange blossoms and cherries following through to a medium body. Integrated tannins and just a hint of vanilla. Long and linear." --92 points James Suckling, Sep 2018

"A complex wine, with intense deepness on the nose that develops a soft mouthfeel where the best characteristics of Cabernet and Merlot from Tuscany find space together with the classic Sangiovese notes. Hand-picked grapes are immediately fermented in the modern cellars of Burchino. A prolonged maceration with the skins gives to the wine complex aromas and a fruity scent."

## Chairman's Selection - Continued

### **Castelli del Grevepesa Clemente VII Chianti Classico Riserva 2015**

VARIETY/STYLE: Sangiovese

REGION: Tuscany      RATING: WS - 93, JS - 94      PRODUCT CODE: 000079201      \$16.99

"This is rich and lushly textured, featuring black cherry, plum, violet and earth flavors that mesh nicely with the fluid profile. The tannins are refined and find a balance with the fresh acidity and bright fruit. Fine length. Best from 2021 through 2027." — 93 Points Wine Spectator, Dec 2019

"Another beautiful Chianti Classico from the 2015 vintage. This one shows just the right combination of dark plums and cherries with an overlay of hazelnuts, vanilla and baking spices. The deft palate carves out a real sense of agility, thanks to the combination of structured tannins and forthright acidity."

### **Tenuta Ulisse Amaranta Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 2016**

VARIETY/STYLE: Montepulciano, Italy

PRODUCT CODE: 000079106

\$17.99

Ruby red with garnet reflections. Intense and persistent fragrance; the bouquet is intense and fruity with notes of dried flowers, spice, licorice and maraschino cherries. The palate is stylish, velvety, almost creamy and compact with tannic structure that blends nicely with the alcohol. Great structure, complex, elegant and well-balanced with a long aftertaste.

Winemaker notes: "Rich, supple and silky with layered blueberry, blackberry, ground spice, vanilla cream and coffee notes. Ripe, integrated tannin and good acid balance out the long, plush and decadent finish. Tremendous!"

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## **LVAWS BYLAWS AND OPERATING PROCEDURES – Draft**

The following are the current **drafts** of these important documents. The Board of Directors would like your input. Please send your comments and suggestions to [Chair@lvaws.org](mailto:Chair@lvaws.org) by **August 20**. The Board will review the feedback and then the proposed Bylaws and Operating Procedures will be posted for all members to review before voting in October.



### **AMERICAN WINE SOCIETY**

#### **Lehigh Valley Chapter**

#### **Bylaws**

#### **PURPOSE**

The purposes of the Lehigh Valley Chapter - American Wine Society are to promote appreciation of wine, especially American wine; to foster the knowledge of enology; to promote temperance in the use of wine; and to educate wine tasters, wine makers, wine-grape growers, and the wine consuming public. These are the same purposes as the American Wine Society.

In addition, the Lehigh Valley Chapter strives to support a social well-being among its members that enhances learning and sharing of experience.

## SECTION I. General

- A. Chapter:** The Lehigh Valley Chapter of the American Wine Society, Pennsylvania, hereinafter called Chapter, is a non-profit, self-supporting, non-stock organization, which shall consist of "members" and shall be financed by annual membership dues, tasting fees, and donations.
- B. Guests:** Because the Chapter is primarily consumer oriented, new membership through guest visits and personal contacts is encouraged. A member may bring one or more guests to any Chapter meeting, provided that all meeting fees and charges are paid, and notice is given sufficiently in advance for suitable arrangements. No individual shall be a guest of the Chapter on more than three occasions, as frequent guests are expected to become members. Surprise guests are not the financial or legal responsibility of the Lehigh Valley Chapter.
- C. Quorum:** A quorum shall consist of 50% of the membership or 50% of the Board of Directors, as applicable.

## SECTION II. Membership and Dues

- A. Society:** American Wine Society, hereinafter called Society, membership is a prerequisite for Chapter membership.
- B. Dues:** Dues are comprised of Society dues and Chapter dues. The Chapter dues are recommended by a vote of the Board and are approved by the membership. Dues are due annually, as of January 1. See the Operating Procedures for the current dues.
- C. Membership:** Membership shall be open to any person 21 years or older interested in the purposes of the Chapter and the Society. Membership shall be granted upon payment of annual dues to both the Society and the Chapter. A Chapter Membership is defined as a single member.

Current members who have not paid dues by March 1, shall be dropped from membership. They may be reinstated only upon payment of the annual dues. A member, having paid both Society and Chapter dues, shall be a member in good standing.

## SECTION III. Officers and Board of Directors

- A. Elected Officers:** The Chapter shall have the following elected officers: Chair, Vice Chair, and Treasurer. Any office may be filled by an individual member or by one or both household member(s). If the latter, the positions are equal and represent a single seat and vote on the Board. Therefore, the terms Chair, Vice Chair, or Treasurer refer to an individual or two equal co-officers.
- B. Chair:** The Chapter Chair shall preside at and conduct all meetings of the Chapter in accordance with the Operating Procedures and when in doubt, in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order. The Chair shall sign all business documents, and may sign checks for expenditures if the Treasurer is not available. The Chair may create committees and appoint a member to fill a position such as but not limited to: Newsletter Editor, Historian, and BYOB Organizer. The Chair shall be an ex officio member of all committees.
- C. Vice Chair:** The Vice Chair shall assist the Chair in discharge of his/her duties. The Vice Chair shall act for the Chair in his/her absence. The Vice Chair is also responsible for routine secretarial duties such as recording the minutes of each business meeting, and at each meeting shall make the minutes of the previous meeting available. In the event that the Vice Chair leads the meeting, he/she shall appoint someone else to take the minutes. The Vice Chair, in company with the other Officers of the Chapter, shall review the Treasurer's books annually.
- D. Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall receive all monies of the Chapter and shall deposit same into the approved checking account of the Chapter. The only persons authorized to have access to the bank account are the Treasurer and Chair. The Treasurer shall prepare checks for disbursement and sign them after obtaining approval from the Chair. The Treasurer shall maintain a listing of all members. The Treasurer shall notify members of any arrears of annual dues by January 15. The Treasurer shall make the books available for an annual review and publish a financial summary for the membership at the end of each calendar year. Chapter financial records are open to inspection and review by any members, after proper notification to the Chair and Treasurer.

**E. Board of Directors:** The Board of Directors shall consist of the Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, and several members that are appointed by the Chair. The Board of Directors shall be empowered to act for the membership and make changes to the Chapter Operating Procedures during Board meetings. Any changes made to the Operating Procedures shall be published in the monthly newsletter.

#### **SECTION IV: Voting and Elections**

**A. Member Voting Rights:** Each Chapter Member is entitled to one vote.

**B. Matters Subject to Vote:** The Board may present for a vote any matter related to the business of the Chapter. Also, any member may propose a matter for consideration by the Board to be voted on by the membership. Voting on Elections, Bylaws, and Bylaw amendments shall be by ballot to all members. Election results are by majority. Bylaws and Bylaw amendments are by a two-thirds vote of the quorum of the Chapter membership. Voting on other matters shall be at the Board's discretion by ballot or by show-of-hands at a business meeting. If by a show-of-hands, a majority of those present shall decide any question brought before such meeting.

**C. Elections of Officers:** Elections shall be held in October of each odd-numbered year (e.g. 2021, 2023, etc.). Those members selected as Chapter Chair, Vice-Chair, and Treasurer shall hold their respective offices for two years, from January 1 through December 31 of the following year. Each elected officer may directly succeed himself/herself.

**D. Nomination of Officers:** By September 15<sup>th</sup> of each odd-numbered year the current elected officers will appoint 3-5 members to serve as a Nominating Committee to identify and secure appropriate candidates. Any member can nominate themselves or another member by writing or sending email to the Nominating Committee to be added as a candidate. Current officers may be a candidate. Any candidate must be a member in good standing, willing and able to fulfill the duties of the office he/she is nominated to fill, and must accept the nomination. Nominations will be announced by the Nominating Committee before October 15<sup>th</sup> of the election year.

**E. Voting for Officers:** The Board of Directors may use the most cost-effective and efficient ballot method, including but not limited to email or other electronic methods for voting. All members in good standing shall have an opportunity to vote for the candidate(s) of their choice. Ballots shall be returned to the Treasurer by October 31st. Confidentiality of votes will be maintained. Results will be announced at the November meeting.

#### **SECTION V: Meetings**

**A. Monthly Meeting:** The Chapter strives to have a meeting each month. These meetings shall be utilized for tastings, vineyard tours, winemaking demonstrations and other activities that encourage the appreciation of wines and social interaction of the Chapter members and the local community. Each meeting shall be hosted by one or more members and shall be subject to approval of the officers. Meetings will be announced in the monthly newsletter.

At each monthly meeting, the Chair will preside over a brief general business session, introduce any guests, and announce upcoming meetings and events. Most meetings will include an educational wine tasting and be followed by a light meal. Guidelines for tastings and other events are included in the Operating Procedures.

**B. Board Meetings:** The Chair will schedule at least one meeting of the Board of Directors each year. Additional meetings may be scheduled at the Chair's discretion.

**C. Special Business Meetings:** A Special Business Meeting may be called to act on specific issues, such as but not limited to amending Operating Procedures, amending Bylaws, replacement of an elected officer, or dissolution of the Chapter. This may be called by the Chair or by a quorum of the membership by written or verbal petition. Meetings must be announced in either the newsletter or by special notice.

## SECTION VI: Dissolution

**A. Dissolution of the Chapter:** Upon dissolution of the Chapter, all assets will be given to the AWS Education Foundation (AWSEF). In the event that AWSEF cannot accept, the assets will go to the Society. In the event that the Society cannot accept, the assets will be equally divided among the current members.

END OF BYLAWS

### Operating Procedures of the Lehigh Valley Chapter of the American Wine Society

#### Section I: Financial Considerations

- 1) **Fiscal Year:** The fiscal year of the Chapter shall begin on the first day of January in each year and end on the last day of December in each year.
- 2) **Expense Procedures:** Each Chapter member having the responsibility for an activity of the Chapter requiring expenditure of Chapter funds, must prepare a cost estimate and submit same to the Chapter Treasurer for review and approval. The responsible member will submit all invoices and bills to the Treasurer for reimbursement in a timely manner.
- 3) **Chapter Activities:** Chapter activities should be self-supporting, with the cost prorated among the guests and members attending the event. Any member who incurs a loss for an event may petition for reimbursement. The Treasurer may reimburse up to \$50. Under extenuating circumstances, the Chair can authorize an additional \$50.
- 4) **Society Dues:** Annual society dues are noted on the American Wine Society website, [americanwinesociety.org](http://americanwinesociety.org).
- 5) **Chapter Dues:** Annual chapter dues are payable by January 1. Dues are \$10 per year per Membership.
- 6) **AWS Educational Foundation (AWSEF) Scholarship:** Traditionally the Chapter has presented an annual scholarship donation to the AWSEF. A Holiday Auction is held as part of the Holiday Party and all proceeds, as well as individual contributions, support the scholarship. The Board may also approve additional funds.

#### Section II: Communication with Members

- 1) **Monthly Newsletter:** Newsletters are sent to members in good standing using the email address on file. The current newsletter is also posted to the public website ([lvaws.org](http://lvaws.org) or [lehighvalleyaws.org](http://lehighvalleyaws.org)). All events are announced using the newsletter. Newsletters from 2011 to present are available for members to access. The newsletter may contain educational information about wines that will be presented at future tastings. These articles enrich the members' experiences and allow attendees to prepare for an upcoming tasting. In addition, the newsletter may contain an article highlighting wines available for purchase at PA Wine and Spirits stores, wine related news articles, information of potential interest to the membership, and introduction of new members to the Chapter.
- 2) **Notice of Events:** Members receive notice of events, such as a new newsletter, newly posted items, changes to previous events, etc. by email at the email address on file.
- 3) **Contact Information:** Members are able to update contact information, email preferences, and privacy settings on the website. Each member is responsible for providing a current email address to the Treasurer and this will be the primary source for providing the membership information and voting access. Contact information is private within the membership and is for LVAWS use only.

### **Section III: Changes to Chapter Operation**

1) **Amendments:** The provisions of these Operating Procedures may be amended by a two-thirds vote of a quorum of Chapter members or by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall determine, by a majority vote, which amendments require a vote by the membership. Any amendment which changes the dues shall require a vote by the membership. Amendments that require a vote by the members shall be presented in writing one month before votes must be submitted. The presentation method will be determined by the Board of Directors. If the vote lacks a quorum, then the Board of Directors may vote on the amendment.

### **Section IV: Tasting Guidelines**

1) **Venue:** Approved meeting places include any member's residence, any operating winery, or a Chair approved facility suggested by the meeting host, such as a restaurant or clubhouse.

2) **Cost:** The cost should be determined by the cost of food and wine divided by the number attending, including both presenters and hosts. Payment processing fees shall be included in the per person fee for each event. Most often a tasting event should cost \$25 -\$50 per person. When the tasting is held at a restaurant where attendees buy their own meal this should be clearly stated, and each attendee will be required to purchase food.

3) **Advertising:** At least 6 weeks prior to an event, the host shall provide pertinent information to the Web Administrator and Chair. This information will be used to share the event on the website and in the newsletter.

### **Section V: Special Events**

1) **BYOBs:** The chapter strives to meet each month at a location that allows diners to bring their own wine. The Chair will appoint a member to coordinate these events.

### **Section VI: Chapter Website**

1) **Establishment:** A chapter website will be established to facilitate communication with the members and to assist in administration of the treasury and preparing for and conducting chapter events.

2) **Web Administrator:** The Chair will appoint a Web Administrator to oversee the maintenance of the chapter website.

3) **Costs:** All costs for the website, except payment processing fees, shall be paid from the Chapter dues. An itemized report of the costs and payment fees for the website shall be included in the Treasurer's annual financial summary. The Treasurer shall also provide an itemized report of projected costs and payment fees for the upcoming year.

4) **Use for Events:** Guidance on the use of the website shall be posted on the website. All events must be approved by the Chair, prior to posting by the Web Administrator. The website shall include provisions to allow the host(s) of an event to access data pertinent to their event.

END OF OPERATING PROCEDURES

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**REMEMBER:** Please send your comments and suggestions to [Chair@lvaws.org](mailto:Chair@lvaws.org) by **Aug. 20**.

# Lehigh Valley Chapter Wine Tastings & Events

<u>2020</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>Theme</u>
August 14	Peter & Leslie Staffeld	Virtual BYOB: Pick a Grape No One Has Heard Of
August 20	<b>Comments due regarding the draft Bylaws and Operating Procedures</b>	
August 29	Joe Pugliese	Barolo Versus Barbaresco
Sept 13	Tami Cericola, Cheryl Hildebrandt, Jan Thomas	Wines of Greece at Nostros Restaurant
Sept 18	Peter & Leslie Staffeld	Virtual BYOB: Petite Sirah
October	NOW OPEN	Tasting rescheduled to 2021
November	Judi Roggie & Tom Harbin	Petite Sirrah
Dec 13	Annette Derkacs, Jan Thomas, Ann Vlot	Holiday Party at Morgan's Restaurant
<u>2021</u>		
January	Peter & Leslie Staffeld	Port and Food Pairing (rescheduled)
March 14	Jan Thomas	Illyrian Wines at Nostros (rescheduled)
June 13	Ann Vlot & Matt Green	To Decant or Not to Decant (rescheduled)



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## National and Lehigh Valley AWS Dues

### YOU MUST JOIN BOTH THE NATIONAL AMERICAN WINE SOCIETY AND THE LEHIGH VALLEY CHAPTER

**National AWS Membership:** To join, you need to register with both the national American Wine Society (AWS) organization and a local AWS chapter. The national organization has a variety of membership plans available, but the most popular are an "individual" membership for \$49/year, and a "household" membership (for two people at the same address) for \$62/year. You can register for one or two local chapters. We recommend that you select the Lehigh Valley chapter as your Primary chapter! You can sign up for national membership online at [AmericanWineSociety.org](http://AmericanWineSociety.org).

**Lehigh Valley Chapter AWS Membership:** The Lehigh Valley chapter has two membership levels (individual and household), which are both \$10/year. Once you become a Lehigh Valley Chapter member you can register for all of our wine tastings, educational events, and BYOB dinner parties. You can sign up for membership online at [LVAWS.org](http://LVAWS.org) using the "Join us" main menu option, or use the form below.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Membership runs from January to December.

You can pay on-line at [lvaws.org](http://lvaws.org) or mail a check to:

LVAWS Treasurer Kevin Campbell, 6461 Meadowview Terrace South, Zionsville PA 18092

Guest policy: Members are encouraged to bring guests to our events. The National AWS insurance policy restricts guests to a maximum of three events in a lifetime.

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## Virtual BYOB and Wine Tastings

### Virtual BYOB (Rose) - July 17



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**Keuka Springs 2019 Dry Rosé**, Finger Lakes, NY Blend: Lemberger, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon.

**Joseph Mellot Sincerite 2013 Rosé**, Loire, France Varietal: Pinot Noir

**Broadbent Vinho Verde Rosé**, Portugal Blend: Borracal, Espadeiro, Amaral, Vinhão

**Cote de Roses Rosé 2019**, Languedoc, France Blend: Grenache, Syrah, Cinsault

**Salvador Lago Cerquieria Rosé**, Vinho Verde, Portugal Varietal: Vinhão

**Moulin de Gassac Guilhem Rosé 2019**, Languedoc, France Blend: Grenache, Syrah, Carignan

**Delas Cotes du Rhone St. Esprit Rouge 2016**, Rhone, France Blend: Syrah, Grenache

**Virtual BYOB and Wine Tastings - Continued**

