



# Locals Choice Wine Club

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### Bathing Suits Made Of Cork

**B**ATHING suits made of cork have become the latest fad on the beaches of Italy. Designed in the most modern styles, the cork suits are not only attractive in appearance, but they also give buoyancy to the swimmer.

Hey folks...it's almost summertime, and you know what that means. It's nearly "let's get naked" time. Uh oh. I love summer. I love the heat, the beach, the pool, and even the smell of suntan lotion can make me feel good. But right around now, I also go through the ritual of pulling out last year's bathing suit. Trouble is, it's not last years any more, it's now two years old and there's just no way I'm going to be able to make it through another pool-heavy summer around here without the dreaded bathing suit shopping nightmare. Now I rather pride myself on not buying into all the images pushed at us in magazines that say we should do all we can to look like supermodels or else we're failures. Which basically means most of us will be stuck feeling like failures, of course. I've never so much as even considered some of the medical procedures suggested to erase my hard won smile or frown lines. How I look is just fine by me. On the other hand, standing almost naked in my pre-tan, post-winter, comfort food indulgences body in the typically hideous light of a dressing room looking at myself in a bathing suit in one of those pitiless three way mirrors - well, anyone who does that and feels great about themselves is highly suspect in my opinion. And I venture to say it's no easier for men. There are just as many perfect Calvin Klein models out there for you all to contend with. It helps, of course, that male pool fashions allow for some nice baggy swim trunks and don't limit you to a Speedo! Still, it's a challenge for almost all of us. But this year I have a plan...

I'm going private. I'll order as many bathing suits online as I like and to heck with the shipping costs for all the returns. I'll wait till I'm in a good mood, open up a bottle of something delicious (I suggest you try it with one of the selections in this shipment, of course) and I'll try on my bathing suits in the flattering light and slightly fuzzy mirror of my bedroom. I'm sure I'll find something that I like just fine.

So, now that I've got the suit problem covered, let's talk swimming pools. Or, more specifically, pool parties and summer barbecues, with or without a pool.

Because that's what this shipment is all about, wonderful wines that just demand a barbecue and a lazy summer afternoon. We've sent you exactly the wines you need to pair with the great recipes we've put up on our website to tempt you into firing up the grill. Or match them up with your own grilling favorites. The main thing is to kick back and welcome summer.

So enjoy! Indulge in all the pleasures of the season. Read books that entertain you. Ok, one last quick plug here for my sisters new book...Exposed: Confessions of a Wedding Photographer. It's available now at Amazon and it is – in my humble opinion – the perfect pool-side summer read! Some other favorites you might want to try if you don't know them yet are the highly entertaining Inspector Montalbano series by Sicilian writer Andrea Camilleri, or the historical espionage novels of Alan Furst – two thoroughly absorbing and entertaining writers. Do be sure to spend as much time as you can floating on your back in some warm blue water and looking up at the sky – and don't let anyone tell you that you don't look fabulous in that bathing suit!

**2005 Ramazzotti Raffinto**

\$30 Retail, Club Price \$25.50

45-day follow up price \$24

**2006 Hawley Zinfandel**

\$25 Retail, Club Price \$21.25

45-day follow up price \$20

To thank you for your continued patronage, we offer you a week of free shipping on your order between July 11th and July 18th with this code LCFRSH6. (Maximum order for free shipping is 3 cases with a maximum of one case to Alaska and Hawaii).

Cheers,

Carolyn, Tim, Diane, and Sharon

**Locals is open Everyday from 11am to 6pm.**

We always enjoy hearing from you .

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