



# Locals Choice Wine Club

September 2008 Tasting Notes

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It may not surprise you to hear me say I know something about wine. It would be pretty embarrassing, all things considered, if I didn't! I don't hand out number ratings or stars, run a wine blog Q+A, or appear on network television to share my wine expertise, but I do know something about wine. I like to write too, but the way I feel about writing is not the same. It is not something I'm passionate about the way I am about wine. My sister, on the other hand, feels about writing the way I feel about telling you all the details about the wonderful wines we're sending to you this month. More about that in a moment!

Right now I would like to officially introduce you to my sister Claire, writer, photographer, and now, my writing partner. Because we get along famously and it will be great fun, and because she likes to write as much as I like to discover fantastic wines and tell you about them, I've asked her to be my collaborator on these wine club notes. You've already heard our combined voices over the last few months talking about poetry and barbeques and bathing suits. It's been so great writing together we've decided to make a habit of it. Rest assured, the wine details will still be my territory. She may be pretty slick at the writing stuff, but she's one of those people who loves wine but can't tell you the first thing about it. I'm hoping to help her brush up on her wine skills while she helps me polish my writing ones. We'll see. So, in future months, you can expect to hear from our new collaborative voice.

The fall is a crazy time around here. The wineries are in high gear harvesting the grapes and this years surprising heat wave has made things even more intense than usual. That means everybody has more to do than there are hours in a day. Kids are back at school, which should free up time but somehow ends up meaning lunches need to be made, sports practices organized, and a dizzying number of extracurricular activities need to be scheduled. That's one reason we've included [recipes](#) for you to try that are big on flavor but require very little time. I've been running around as much as everybody else. As if I didn't have enough to do, I've launched my newest venture this month. You can find

out all about it by visiting [www.thekonradgallery.com](http://www.thekonradgallery.com). Right now, it's a relief to find some quiet time to sit down and chat to you about wine! We've got some wonderful choices for you this month.

As those of you that visit us frequently already know, we have been impatiently awaiting the addition of Dark Horse Wines to the Locals lineup. Included here is a bottle of Mike Loykasek's truly yummy Zinfandel which will give you a sneak peek into why we are so excited to be able to offer you his wines. This 2006 Dark Horse Zinfandel comes from the Treborce Vineyard which is widely considered to be one of the premier vineyards in the Dry Creek Valley. The wine exhibits all of the characteristics I expected and more. I am in love with the lush long finish so give this one a try and let me know if you agree. Tech notes are here: [www.tastelocalwines.com/tasting\\_notes/](http://www.tastelocalwines.com/tasting_notes/)

Because one great Zin is just never enough we are also bringing you the 2006 Portalupi Zinfandel from Sonoma Valley. In keeping with our reputation for pouring flights from different growing regions but within varietal we hope you also enjoy what winemaker Tim Borges refers to as a wine made to fall into his "Big Boy" style zone. Tim says it better than I could but I totally agree with his description, which you can read here: [www.tastelocalwines.com/tasting\\_notes/](http://www.tastelocalwines.com/tasting_notes/)

Most importantly, don't forget one other thing about a good glass of wine, it's a great way to wind down at the end of one of these hectic fall days.

Enjoy the season!

**2006 Dark Horse Zinfandel  
Treborce Vineyard, Dry Creek Valley**

\$34 Retail, Club Price \$28.90  
45-day follow up price \$27.20

**2006 Portalupi Zinfandel,  
Sonoma Valley**

\$28 Retail, Club Price \$23.80  
45-day follow up price \$22.40

To thank you for your continued patronage, we offer you a week of free shipping on your order between October 17th and October 24th with this code LCFRSH7. (Maximum order for free shipping is 3 cases with a maximum of one case to Alaska and Hawaii). The 45-Day Follow-up discount is good until October 30, 2008.

Cheers,

Carolyn

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

We always enjoy hearing from you .

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