



Total Locals Wine Club

January 2009 Tasting Notes

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Happy New Year Total Locals Club Members,

To heck with resolutions! We don't do resolutions around here - too many opportunities for failure. You break them and feel even worse than before, and that's not the feeling you need at the beginning of a new year. So, we avoid the whole possibility of failure by choosing to get busy getting a few things done that we've been meaning to do. That way we start the New Year off with a sense of accomplishment rather than by setting ourselves up for self criticism when we don't manage to keep all those January 1st impossible promises we used to make to ourselves. Here's some of what has been keeping us busy:

Finally got around to reading *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery and loved it. We heartily recommend this wonderful book.

We bought some music that folks have been telling us about and discovered some new favorites like Tift Merritt and the Fleet Foxes. Once we find someone we like we use www.pandora.com to create playlists and discover more new music. Those of you who are able to visit the tasting room know that we are addicted to Pandora! If any of you are fellow Pandora fans who have playlists you would like to send us...we would love to share them with our customers.

We made it off the couch and out to the movies to see *Milk*, and thought it was terrific.

We're eating out a bit less this month and re-discovering the pleasures of some favorite cookbooks like Laurie Colwin's *Home Cooking*. Her gingerbread recipe was one of our holiday indulgences. You can find that recipe here: http://www.boston.com/lifestyle/food/articles/2007/12/19/laurie_colwins_gingerbread/

We're trying to deal with the after affects of those holiday indulgences by getting outside...without the car. Long walks are the exercise of choice at the moment, because they combine the physical benefits of a little much needed exercise, with the esthetic pleasures of the winter landscape. It is



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good for the soul to see the dormant vines and to know that bud-break really is just around the corner. In a matter of months, those same bare vines will be transformed, and so, perhaps, will we. Whatever winter blues we are carrying around along with a few extra pounds or a general sense of "all the fun of the holidays is over" malaise, will shift into the sense of possibility that comes with spring, and with the first sign of green on those vines.

One of our January pleasures is putting together your wine shipment. We hope you will be pleased and intrigued by our choices. The wines we have chosen for you include some delightful crowd pleasers, a lesser known varietal, and given the times, a couple of bargain hunter delights. Sample, enjoy, and, as always, let us know what you think. Detailed tasting notes can be found by clicking here: www.tastelocalwines.com/tasting_notes/. We have also added a recipe suggestion from Susan Arbios of Arbios/Praxis Winery to pair with her 2007 Praxis Lagrein in case that varietal selection is new to some of you which you can read by clicking here: www.tastelocalwines.com/recipes/.

As always, please don't forget to take advantage of your free shipping window starting on February 6th, 2009 and ending on February 13th 2009 (Please note that the maximum order for free shipping is three cases per club member with a maximum of one case to Alaska and Hawaii) Your 45 day follow up discount applies to all orders placed before February 27th, 2009 and your free shipping code is TLC4ME If you have questions or need additional suggestions just give us a call at 707-857-4900 and we would be pleased to assist.

We wish you joy, peace, and contentment in the New Year. If you do make resolutions...may you keep them all!

Cheers,

Carolyn, Tim, Diane and Sharon

2006 Hawley Cabernet Sauvignon
Saggio Hills, Alexander Valley
\$32 retail, \$25.60 club price,
\$24.45 45-day follow-up price

2005 Ramazzotti Regale
Cabernet-Merlot Blend, Alexander Valley
\$35 retail, \$28 club price,
\$26.25-day follow-up price

2006 Eric Ross Syrah
Catie's Corner Vineyard
\$30 retail, \$24 club price,
\$22.50 45-day follow-up price

RH Wines Street Shiraz,
Sonoma County
\$16 retail, \$12.80 club price,
\$12.45 45-day follow-up price

2006 Dark Horse Gunfighter
Zinfandel Blend, Sonoma County
\$20 retail, \$16 club price,
\$15 45-day follow-up price

2007 Praxis Lagrein
Central Coast
\$21 retail, \$16.80 club price,
\$15.75 45-day follow-up price

Locals is open
Everyday from 11AM to 6PM.

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