



Total Locals Wine Club

April 2011 Tasting Notes

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Hello again Total Locals Club Members,

There is always plenty of excitement around here during bud break. The appearance of tiny green shoots signifies the official beginning of Spring. Every year our wine growers hope for a perfect growing season and while Mother Nature can be brutally unpredictable, we here at Locals hope that the Weather Gods smile down upon us all.

This past weekend also marked the opening day of many of our local farmers' markets, which always make me start thinking about great summer meals to come. There is the promise of lots of fresh fruit, produce other summer only goodies so I thought it might be fun to run a recipe contest to see which of you food and wine lovers can come up with the best seasonal three course meal idea, with wine pairings to match. Think you can do that? The winner gets a half case of wine on us... selected from among the gems in my cellar! All you have to do is email your menu, recipes and wine pairings to carolynsprojects@gmail.com by the end of May and Tim and I will pick a winner and post your menu online.

Here are a few recipes to try with this month's wines:

<http://www.tastelocalwines.com/recipes/>

Your selection this quarter is comprised of many of our current tasting room favorites. First up is the 2008 Praxis Pinot Noir from Monterey. This is a very unique pinot that has intriguing coastal elements both in the nose and on the mouth. You have to throw out your pinot preconceptions to truly appreciate this one, but once you do you'll be hooked. Next up is the 2009 Dark Horse 5th Notch Gunfighter. Whenever we get a new Notch by Dark Horse it flies out the door and this wine is no exception. Beautifully balanced, it has nice dark fruit and a hint of tobacco. Also

included is the Peterson Tradizionale Zinfandel 2008, the newest release of the Tradizionale. As is always the case with this particular Zinfandel, it's a real crowd pleaser. Because Italian varietals always make shipments more fun we included the 2009 Ramazzotti Barbera. This is a great wine done in the traditional style with great acidity, which makes it perfect for pairing with food. The 2007 Saracina Syrah, Rodgers Creek Vineyard, is a true Syrah lovers wine with some complex smoky notes to it , great body, depth and an everlasting finish. Finally, we've included the 2006 Mojon's Bench Estate Merlot, which I recently discovered. This wineries production is too small to be a part off the tasting room but I have included it here as an extra treat. Since there is very little of it you may want to try it first and reorder soon if you enjoy it as much as I have. [Click here for full tasting notes](#)

As always, please don't forget to take advantage of your \$1 per case shipping promotional window starting May 21st and ending on May 28th. (Please note that the maximum order for \$1 per case 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 by June 4th and your discount shipping code is TLONEBUK.

If you have questions or need additional wine pairing suggestions just give us a call at 707-857-4900 and we would be pleased to assist. Remember to follow us on [Locals Tasting Room on FaceBook](#) for deals, contests and giveaways. Comments are always appreciated!

Here is hoping you enjoy your wines as much as I have been!

Cheers,

Carolyn

2008 Peterson Tradizionale Zinfandel

\$29 retail, \$23.20 club price,
\$21.75 45 day follow up price

2008 Praxis Pinot Noir

\$21 retail, \$16.80 club price,
\$15.75 45 day follow up price

2009 Dark Horse Gunfighter 5th Notch

\$20 retail, \$16 club price,
\$15 45 day follow up price

2009 Ramazzotti Barbera

\$38 retail, \$30.40 club price,
\$28.50 45 day follow up price

2007 Saracina Syrah Rodgers Creek

\$32 retail, \$25.60 club price,
\$24 45 day follow up price

2006 Mojon's Bench Merlot

\$28 retail, \$22.40 club price,
\$21 45 day follow up price

Locals is open Everyday from 11am to 6pm.

We always enjoy hearing from you .

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