



Trust Carolyn Wine Club

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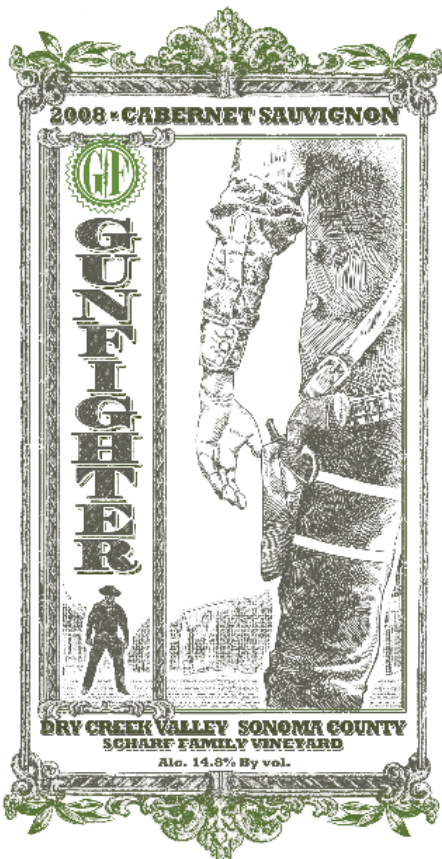
Hello Again Trust Carolyn Club Members,

What was arguably the longest harvest in recent local history is over, and our thoughts here in the Sonoma County Wine Country can finally turn to less stressful things. Fun Holidays and celebrations are right around the corner and great food and wine is always a part of that. Although locally we don't experience the dramatic changes in climate and weather as many of you do, I sometimes think we have the best of both worlds as the sun continues to shine while the vineyards around me turn to golden red and orange.

This holiday season is going to be especially sweet because as a first time empty nester, I get to welcome my son home for the holidays, which just underscores the desire I feel for celebration. This whole empty nest thing has taken a bit of getting used to!

As always it was great fun putting together a collection of wines that I know you will enjoy. These selections run the gamut of varietals and winemaking styles so you may need to pull out your cookbooks and come up with some fun food pairings. I recently came across a couple of funny "what not to pair" Sommelier quotes in a recent edition of Food and Wine magazine...so keep these in mind. From Dew Hendricks of Pappas Restaurant in Houston, Texas "Red wine and chocolate! And people insist on it. It's like, "Ok, I've decided I want to rub sandpaper on my face! It's that bad." Or from Seth Liebman of Michael's, New York who says "Lately, people are ordering a huge California Syrah, then while I am getting it, they order some Oysters! It's my No. 1 shoot-myself-in-the-head situation."

Well your head is safe here. Many of the wines in this collection will pair well with several different types of cuisine. For starters, Mike Loykasek of Gunfighter Wines brings us his new Cabernet under a newly designed label. This wine is a steal of a well-rounded deal at only \$25.60 for club members. The wine is inexpensive enough that you can indulge yourselves with a nice Cabernet any time you feel the urge. The Bedarra Bonfire, also somewhat new to Locals, is a Zin, Cabernet, Merlot blend and was conceived to be an easy drinking, glass at the end of the day kind of a wine, ideally consumed outdoors hence the convenient screw top closure. Give it a try around a bonfire as the name suggests. Eric Luse's wines just keep getting better and better as the accolades pour in. Here we bring you both Eric's newly released Pinot Noir as well as his Zinfandel. Both wines are drinking beautifully now...but a tiny bit of patience will bring its own reward. Eric has also recently released a Tempranillo you



should really try...there is so little of it that we are only selling it the tasting room but if you are interested in trying it be sure to give us a call soon so we can send you some. If you are in the mood for a white wine, either the Praxis Viognier or the new 09 Foggy Valley Chardonnay should fit the bill nicely. I like the Viognier with Thai food or a spicy curry and recently enjoyed taking the Foggy Valley Chardonnay with me to a local restaurant and pairing it with a cheese soufflé. There was a bit of smoky bacon in the dish to echo the very slight oak in the wine and it was just perfect.

The information above is just a snapshot of what is to come as you taste through these wines and we would love to hear from you what you enjoyed the most. Read about your wines here: tastelocalwines.com/tasting_notes. We have revamped our Locals Blog, which you can look at by clicking here tastelocalwines.wordpress.com and if any of you feel like penning a little piece for us that would be wonderful. Of course you can follow all our news on Facebook by becoming a fan here facebook.com/LocalsTastingRoom and enjoy some recipe ideas from our Wine Club Guru, Diane by clicking here tastelocalwines.com/recipes. Our website now also boasts some new videos so that you can almost feel like you are with us in person...which of course we wish you were. Come visit us soon in good old Geyserville where there is always a Party for your Palate going on at Locals.

Happy Holidays to all of you. Eat, drink and most of all be merry.

Cheers,

Carolyn

As always, please don't forget to take advantage of your \$1 per case shipping promotional window starting Friday, December 16th and ending on Friday December 23rd (*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 December 30th and your free shipping code is CASE1211.

2010 Eric Ross Pinot Noir
Saralee's Vineyard, RRV
\$45 retail, \$36 club price,
\$33.75 45-day follow-up price

2008 RH Pinot Noir
Russian River Valley
\$32 retail, \$25.60 club price,
\$24 45-day follow-up price

2007 Atrea Old Soul Red
Mendocino County
\$25 retail, \$20 club price,
\$18.75 45-day follow-up price

2009 Bedarra Bonfire Blend
Dry Creek Valley
\$25 retail, \$20 club price,
\$18.75 45-day follow-up price

2007 Peterson Syrah
Bradford Mtn. Dry Creek Valley
\$48 retail, \$38.40 club price,
\$36 45-day follow-up price

2009 Peterson Zinfandel
Dry Creek Valley
\$24 retail, \$19.20 club price,
\$18 45-day follow-up price

2009 Eric Ross Zinfandel, Old Vine
Dry Creek Valley
\$38 retail, \$30.40 club price,
\$28.50 45-day follow-up price

2009 Foggy Valley Chardonnay
Leras Vineyard, Russian River Valley
\$20 retail price, \$16 club price,
\$15 45-day follow-up price

2009 Pendleton Celebration Cuvée
Cabernet Sauvignon Blend
\$29 retail price, \$23.20 club price,
\$21.75 45-day follow-up price

2006 Arbios Cabernet Sauvignon
Alexander Valley
\$31 retail price, \$24.80 club price,
\$23.25 45-day follow-up price

2008 Gunfighter
Cabernet Sauvignon
\$32 retail price, \$25.60 club price,
\$24 45-day follow-up price

2010 Praxis Viognier
Russian River Valley
\$17 retail price, \$13.6 club price,
\$12.75 45-day follow-up price

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