

Trust Carolyn Wine Club

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Hello again to all my Trust Carolyn Club members,

Since I really only get to communicate with most of you a couple of times a year it is always hard to get you caught up on all our happenings here at the tasting room in Geyserville. At the moment we are excited to be adding a new winery to the Locals lineup, Kitfox Vineyards, who are doing some really fun and yummy wines, produced in very small lots, and from some interesting tiny vineyards. At last count we now have over 62 super wines for you to explore and your current case offers you a nice cross section of varietals and styles. All these wines are ones that I am really enjoying myself at the moment and since we don't call this the Trust Carolyn Club for nothing I am hoping that you will also.

As we wander through the vineyards here in Geyserville this month, bud break is past and there is new green growth evident pretty much everywhere. As you may have heard, we had an unusually dry winter and then some torrential late rains...but things are looking good now as we move into warmer weather. It feels as if everyone is ramping up for summer and then the harvest season that follows. If there is any chance you can come out for a visit, September and October are by far my favorite months in Sonoma County, so think about planning a little trip to come and see us.

Now for a bit about some of your wines in this collection.... I am excited to introduce you to the wonderful 09 Gout de la Vigne by Eric Ross. This luscious Syrah is co-fermented with just a touch of Viognier from the same vineyard, which adds brightness to the Syrah. The photograph on the label, taken by Eric, depicts the night harvest, which provided nice cold fruit from the famed Alder Springs Vineyard. With elevations reaching 2700 feet above sea level and where there is a yield of only 14 clusters per vine. Farming costs are obviously extremely high but so is the payoff in the glass.

Next a completely different wine from the folks at Gunfighter Wines, The California Republic with it's fun label is a true crowd pleaser; at least that has been our experience with the wine here in the tasting room. To quote the text on the back of the bottle, "There comes a time when you have to spur it out of the chute. It is time for you to grab some hair and ride the bear." You don't ever have to wonder if it is the right time to open this wine...because it always is.

From our latest winery, Kitfox Vineyards comes a brand new wine for you to try. The Pretense brand is described as having been created to bring you

exceptional small lot Zinfandels. These are select lots of beautiful terroir driven Zins from some of the best Zin regions around. Bright scarlet in color this wine shows explosive sunburst cherry and a supple mouth feel with a country mile long finish of vanilla bean and a hint of persimmon. Drink with food, or don't. Personally I think it will pair nicely with some sweet and spicy BBQ.

Also be sure to take an extra look at all of the varietals that went in to making my very favorite Rose from Peterson, the back label is a story in itself. I can't seem to stop taking this one home with me!

Above are only four of the twelve delicious selections in your case and the others include some brand new releases that we wanted to be sure you had a chance to sample since they won't last long and were produced in very limited quantities. As always you can find detailed tasting notes on all of them here <u>tastelocalwines.com/tasting_notes</u> on our website. There are also some great food pairing recipes from Diane for you to try out, <u>tastelocalwines.com/recipes</u>, and our Facebook page, <u>facebook.com/LocalsTastingRoom</u>, and blog, <u>tastelocalwinesblog.com</u>, will keep you in the loop on all things Locals.

Think of me this summer while you are enjoying a glass of Locals vino before dinner on a nice summer evening... because chances are good I will be doing the same!

Cheers,

Carolyn

As always, please don't forget to take advantage of your \$1 per case shipping promotional window starting Friday, June 15th and ending on Friday June 22nd (*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 28th and your free shipping code is TCC512.

2009 Atrea Old Soul Red Zin-Syrah Blend, Mendocino County

\$25 retail, club price \$20, 45-day follow-up price \$18.75

2010 Bedarra Beachfront, Dry Creek Valley

\$18 retail, club price \$14.40, 45-day follow-up price \$13.50

2009 Foggy Valley Pinot Noir Anderson Valley, Mendocino County

\$24 retail, club price \$19.20, 45-day follow-up price \$18

2011 Peterson Rose Bradford Mountain, Dry Creek Valley

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

2009 Peterson Zinfandel Old School, Dry Creek Valley

\$18 retail, club price \$14.40, 45-day follow-up price \$13.50

2009 Pendleton Mourvedre Lodi & Sonoma County

\$27 retail, club price \$21.60, 45-day follow-up price \$20.25

2010 Eric Ross Tempranillo Bokisch Vineyard, Lodi

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

2009 Eric Ross Gout de la Vigne Alder Springs Vineyard, Medocino

\$45 retail, club price \$36, 45-day follow-up price \$33.75

2009 Gunfighter California Republic Red Wine, Zinfandel Blend

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

2009 Gunfighter Zinfandel Treborce Vineyard, Dry Creek Valley

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

2010 Praxis Pinot Noir Monterey County

\$23 retail, club price \$18.40, 45-day follow-up price \$17.25

2009 Kitfox Pretense Zinfandel Paso Robles & Sonoma County

\$15 retail, club price \$12, 45-day follow-up price \$11.25

Locals Tasting Room is open Everyday from 11am-6pm

We always enjoy hearing from you.

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