



# Locals Choice Wine Club

December 2014 Tasting Notes

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Hello Locals Choice Club members.

This is such a wonderful time of year. A time of transition, parties, celebrations and reflection. Holiday get-togethers are approaching. The transition from fall into winter always puts me in a reflective mood. And there are great parties to go to! What I always have to remind myself to do is to slow down, reflect on the year past and the year to come and on the many things I am grateful for and take the time to enjoy. So I invite you to use these club selections to enhance how you too celebrate the season. Whether you choose to open a bottle in front of the fireplace with a loved one and reflect on the past year, or open a bottle with a large group of family and friends and share stories and laughs, or share a bottle with your neighbors or office mates at a holiday celebration, I hope these wines will make the experience richer and more fun. Just opening a bottle of wine and taking the time to savor it provides the opportunity to pause and be thankful.

If you are receiving "reds and whites," you are in for a treat and your selection includes a bottle of Bodkin Sparkling Sauvignon Blanc. This is the only sparkling Sauvignon Blanc produced in California. Bodkin Wines are a new addition to Locals and the sparkling has been an instant hit! I personally love it and could not resist the opportunity to send you a bubbly for your celebrations! "Reds Only" club members don't you worry, I have picked some wonderful wines for you too as you'll see from the descriptions below. But if you're thinking to yourself that the holidays call out for sparkling give me a call or drop me an e-mail so that I can share the Bodkin with you too!

First for you reds only folks I have chosen a new wine from Treasure Hunter Wines the 2012 Challenger Deep Zinfandel. Treasure Hunter wines are special one time only wines. Each one is very different, produced in small lots and represent an opportunity to get a wine that would normally sell for 4 to 8 times the asking price. This yummy and complex example is a 50/50 blend from two of the owners favorite Dry Creek Zinfandel vineyards. As usual with the Treasure Hunter wines the vineyard names are confidential but we are told the wine is from one of the best vintages ever to come out of these vineyards. On the palate this one has it all, blueberry, strawberry, juicy blackberry and we even tasted some crushed red current which I only really taste in true Old Vine Dry Creek Valley Zins.

Next for our red wine drinkers comes the 2012 Pendleton Estate Petit Sirah, I feel like this is one of the best wines Mike Pendleton has produced. This vineyard was planted the year his daughter Leslie was born in 2005. All produced from



estate fruit this hillside vineyard sits 2000 feet above the Alexander Valley floor. Since Pendleton Estate is truly a one man operation there were only 100 cases of this wine made. The way these vineyards were planted was specifically done to produce a more concentrated and deep wine. Truly made in an old world style this should be our go to red meat wine, from a nice juicy rib-eye to a nice hearty winter stew. This wine was aged 24 months in 50% new French oak and 50% in new Hungarian Oak. Mike Pendleton tells me it will hold for at least 10 years....but he is drinking it now too!

Our Pinks and Whites club members will be treated to two white wines this year (because it is not really the right time of year for California Rose) but you will not be disappointed by the celebratory Bodkin Sparkling mentioned above and the brand new 2012 Foggy Valley Chardonnay with a great new label and look, so be sure to let us know what you think. Winemaker Patrick Malley has done us proud on this one.

As always, I suggest you mark your calendars for our all-important dollar-shipping window which runs from Friday January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015 to Friday January 9<sup>th</sup> 2015. *Please note that the maximum order for \$1 shipping is three cases per club member, one case to Hawaii and excludes shipping to Alaska and Canada.* Your 45-day follow up discount runs until Monday January 19<sup>th</sup> 2015. Call us at 707-857-4900 or email your order to [yummy@tastelocalwines.com](mailto:yummy@tastelocalwines.com).

Diane has once again come up with some excellent recipes for you to try out [tastelocalwines.com/recipes](http://tastelocalwines.com/recipes) so be sure to let us know what you think of both the wine and the food pairing suggestions on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/LocalsTastingRoom](http://www.facebook.com/LocalsTastingRoom). Tasting notes are online at [tastelocalwines.com/tasting\\_notes](http://tastelocalwines.com/tasting_notes).

As the year comes to a close I want to extend my warmest wishes to you and your loved ones for the holidays. I also want to thank you for being a Local. We don't take that trust for granted and my goal is to keep surprising and delighting you with new and exciting wines. Happy Holidays and here is wishing you an exciting and fulfilled 2015.

Cheers,  
Carolyn and the Locals Team

***Locals Choice Reds Only Club Selections***

**2012 Treasure Hunter  
Challenger Deep Zinfandel, Dry Creek**  
Retail \$25, Club Price \$21.25  
45 day follow up price \$20.00

**2012 Pendleton Estate Petite Sirah  
Alexander Valley**  
Retail \$35, Club price \$29.75  
45 day follow up price \$28.00

***Locals Choice Reds and Whites Club***

**Bodkin Sparkling Wine  
Blanc de Sauvignon Blanc, Lake County**  
Retail \$22.00, Club price \$18.70  
45 day follow up price \$17.60

**2012 Pendleton Estate Petite Sirah  
Alexander Valley**  
Retail \$35, Club price \$29.75  
45 day follow up price \$28.00

***Locals Choice Pinks and Whites Club***

**Bodkin Sparkling Wine  
Blanc de Sauvignon Blanc, Lake County**  
Retail \$22.00, Club price \$18.70  
45 day follow up price \$17.60

**2012 Foggy Valley Chardonnay  
Russian River Valley**  
Retail \$26.00, Club price \$22.10  
45 day follow up price \$20.80

Locals is open Everyday from 11am to 6pm.

We always enjoy hearing from you . 707-857-4900

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