



Total Locals Wine Club

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Sunset from Geyser Peak by Carolyn

Hello to all my Total Locals Club Members and a Happy New Year!

Have you heard of the Rockpile Appellation? It's been quite a while since I have been able to get you an excellent example from an area that I love for it's great big intense flavors. The Rockpile AVA is northwest of Geyserville. Established in February of 2002, Rockpile AVA was Sonoma County's twelfth designated appellation. The wine region consists of approximately 15,400 acres in northwestern Sonoma County. The entire AVA has an elevation in excess of 800 feet above sea level. Less than 15 vineyards are currently located within the AVA and there are only 160 acres planted with wine grapes. Its mostly wild open land and beautiful to drive through. Since the temperatures are topping 65 degrees and sunny around here today that might be just what I will do.

As many of you know from having tasted the Treasure Hunter wines in the past, the owners know how to find some amazing sought after small lots of grapes for their wines. This 2013 Petite Sirah named The Lion Tamer is a big mouthful of ripe blueberry, pomegranate and blackberry, which give it a deep yummy core with some nice oak influences and just a touch of clove and sweet cedar. In my opinion just what a 100% Petite Sirah should taste like from that region.

In a complete turnaround comes a beautifully soft 2013 Bodkin Zinfandel from the Conte Family Vineyards in in the Russian River Valley. Winemaker Chris Christensen describes this as a finessed wine, almost a Pinot Noir drinkers Zin. The wine is medium bodied and draws its mouthfeel from being supported by its gentle tannins. It has been interesting to see it become a tasting room favorite.....even by those typically used to drinking a higher alcohol fruity style of Zinfandel. Give it a try and see if you agree.

As always, this time of year, Fred and Jamie Peterson release their Old School Zinfandel complete with the fun story label you have come to expect. Jamie says this is Peterson Winery easy drinking, no thinking Zin but nonetheless no less serious than any of Peterson's other bottlings.

Its a highly drinkable wine, to be enjoyed on any given weeknight without hesitation. Its also been described as comfort food in a bottle. Can't really argue with that!

In addition to the wines above I wanted to be sure you got to try the new 2011 Foggy Valley Pinot which has been very well received in the tasting room. Sporting a great new label, and considered by many to be even more yummy than the previous vintage, it will be a great one to try side by side with the 2012 Treasure Cellars Pinot Noir which exemplifies a very different yet equally delicious style of winemaking.

It would not be a perfect 6 pack without the new 2010 Arbios Cabernet Sauvignon from the Alexander Valley. Made with care and dedication by Bill Arbios you can enjoy this one now or lay it down for a little while. Either way you will not be disappointed. Full tasting notes on each of the wines in this collection are a click away tastelocalwines.com/tasting_notes.

As you get ready to enjoy these selections remember to take a look at Diane's recipe suggestions here tastelocalwines.com/recipes for culinary inspiration. Be sure to mark your calendars today so you can take advantage of your one dollar a case shipping window which runs from Friday February 20th through Friday February 27th. This is your chance to order more of the wines you enjoyed or send wines to friends. We ask that you order a minimum of one case and a maximum of 3 cases. The dollar shipping window is for reorders only and not for the shipping of club wines for those on pick up status. This offer excludes Hawaii and Alaska. Your 45 day discount runs until March 14th, 2015 for follow up purchases on club wines.

If you have not already done so, please "like" our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/LocalsTastingRoom and watch as Winter turns to Spring in the vineyards.

Cheers

Carolyn

**2013 Treasure Hunter "The Lion Tamer"
Petite Sirah, Rockpile**
Retail \$25.00 Club Price \$20.00
Follow up price \$ 18.75

**2012 Peterson Old School Zinfandel
Dry Creek Valley**
Retail \$20.00 Club Price \$16.00
Follow up price \$15.00

**2011 Foggy Valley Pinot Noir
Russian River Valley**
Retail \$30.00 Club Price \$24.00
Follow up price \$22.50

**2010 Arbios Cabernet Sauvignon
Alexander Valley**
Retail \$35.00 Club Price \$28.00
Follow up price \$26.25

**2013 Bodkin Zinfandel
Russian River Valley**
Retail \$32.00 Club Price \$25.60
Follow up price \$24.00

**2012 Kitfox Treasure Cellars Pinot Noir
Russian River Valley**
Retail \$40.00 Club Price \$32.00
Follow up price \$ 30.00

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Everyday from 11AM to 6PM.

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