



Total Locals Wine Club

July 2015 Tasting Notes

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Our local summer swimming hole
Photograph by Carolyn Lewis

Hello again Total Locals Club members.

Greetings again from Geyserville where summer is in full swing and finding a swimming hole in the Russian River deep enough for a dip is getting more and more challenging. I don't need to tell you how dry everything remains. The good news for us wine lovers is that the grapes seem to be weathering the drought, thanks to the careful attention of the winemakers and increasingly focused and efficient irrigation techniques. Talking to a number of winemakers and visiting wineries over the past several weeks I have gotten a sense of optimism about this year's harvest. We are having good wide fluctuations between our day and night temperatures that are so crucial to development of the crop. Under the careful watch of the winemakers the grapes are developing nicely.

One of the more interesting developments that I discovered while visiting wineries was an increased (albeit small) interest in using clay casks as an aging medium. The clay medium is proving challenging to use on a large scale but winemakers are interested in how it may affect the wine and are using it on a trial basis. I will keep you informed of anything more I learn about this possible trend and if any of our wines are ever aged in this fashion.

Of course in addition to my visits to somewhat more distant wineries, my faithful walking companion, Molly the dog, and I make an often twice daily trek in the fields right outside my home. Molly, always enthusiastic for a walk, is even more excited when I take the route that ends in the river and a swim! On my walks I have seen some low level activity in the vineyards, with some pruning and maintenance going on. The vines look robust and are heavy with grapes reminding me of the hectic and exciting harvest season to come.

One consequence of the extremely hot weather that we have experienced recently is that our shippers are having to monitor very carefully the times when they ship wines. Rest assured that Club shipments are only made when we are confident that the prevailing temperatures do not impose any threat to the quality of the wines! This may result in slight delays in your deliveries so your patience is appreciated.

I have been thrilled to see many of you in the tasting room recently, and to reacquaint myself with some of you I have not seen in a while. If you are in the area, please stop in to say hello. We love to greet our club members in person! You may well run into one of our winemakers pouring his or her own wines and, as you have come to expect, there is an ever-changing large selection of wines all available for your tasting pleasure and awaiting your discovery.

I have selected an eclectic mix of some of my current favorites for this quarters selections. Some wonderful blends, a tasty zinfandel from our newest winery William Gordon and the brand new release of the One Time Spaceman which has been a perennial favorite around here. I have also included three other wines I know you will enjoy as much as we are here in the tasting room. I would hold on to the One Time Spaceman for a month or two before drinking as it was very recently bottled and will only improve with a bit more time.

Full tasting notes on each of these wines can be found here localstastingroom.com/tasting_notes as well as some pairing ideas from Diane right here localstastingroom.com/recipes for you to try out.

Please mark your calendar to take advantage of your One Dollar a Case shipping window which runs from August 10th through August 17th, 2015. This is your chance to order more of the wines you enjoyed. We do ask that you order a minimum of one case and the maximum order is three cases. The dollar shipping applies to new orders only. Your 45 day follow up discount runs from July 27th until September 9th, 2015 so combine these two club benefits and get some more of your favorite wines.

Keep enjoying your summer and come visit again soon,

Cheers,

Carolyn

**2012 Kitfox Treasure Hunter
One Time Spaceman
Granache, Syrah, Mourvedre, Tannat**
Retail \$30.00, Club Price \$24.00
45 day follow up price \$22.50

**2011 Pendleton Celebration
Cuvée Reserve
Alexander Valley**
Retail \$45.00, Club Price \$36.00
45 day follow up price \$33.75

**2012 Eric Ross Tempranillo
Bokisch Vineyard Lodi**
Retail \$39.00, Club Price \$31.20
45 day follow up price \$29.25

**2012 William Gordon Zinfandel
Rink Vineyard Alexander Valley**
Retail \$35.00, Club Price \$28.00
45 day follow up price \$26.25

**2013 Kitfox Treasure Hunter
Cabernet Sauvignon
Furious Damsel Lodi**
Retail \$20.00, Club Price \$16.00
45 day follow up price \$15.00

**2012 Foggy Valley Cabernet Franc
Lake County**
Retail \$30.00, Club Price \$24.00
45 day follow up price \$22.50

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