



Total Locals Wine Club

April 2019 Tasting Notes

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Hello to all our Total Locals Club members,

Greetings from Geyserville! Around these parts we are all hoping the long and particularly soggy rainy season is finally behind us. While we definitely needed to replenish our reservoirs, it seems like it has been pouring for months! This morning's local paper proclaimed that NorthCoast wine grape growers hauled in a record \$2 billion crop during the 2018 harvest continuing the steady growth the local wine industry has experienced since the Great Recession that began in late 2007. Farmworkers picked an all-time high 588,864 tons of grapes — a 26% increase from 2017 — from vineyards in Sonoma, Napa, Mendocino and Lake counties during harvest, which started in August and ended in November. But harvests are unpredictable and one swift kick from mother nature could send the 2019 vintage in a different direction. For the time being, we are enjoying watching bud break happen all around us here, which starts the cycle all over again. There is a bit more activity in the vineyards now as clean up from our recent local flooding begins in earnest. Many vineyards had water from the Russian river run right through them bringing with it all kinds of detritus, mud and mess, but while it looked like that would cause damage to the grapevines the timing during the dormant season meant they were pretty much safe from harm. Now the vineyards are filled with wildflowers, rabbits and birds and the sun is beginning to shine on us all.

In the tasting room we have been receiving new releases as well as adding Topel Winery to our lineup. Those of you that have been in our club for more than ten years, and there are many of you, will remember that Locals was the first tasting room for Topel many moons ago. Well things have come full circle and we are excited to have them back with us. The winery is now under new ownership and has a new winemaker, Martin Bernel-Hafner, formerly of Paul Hobbs, and we look forward to many great wines to come. Right now there are some amazing library wines and older vintages to taste from this great producer. We have included the 2012 Topel Meritage "Le Mariage" for your enjoyment this quarter. For those of you in our 3 red / 3 white club we are introducing you to a new wine from Peterson Winery, the 2016 Olas which is a Sauvignon Blanc and Semillion blend and a new Sauvignon Blanc



After the Flood

Photograph by Carolyn Lewis

by Tom Parmeson which is already a tasting room favorite. All in all, six different producers are a part of this quarter's selections continuing our 17 year tradition of never sending you the same wines twice in a row.

In other news we continue to add to our Youtube channel. Follow along with Patrick's Tasting Tuesday videos and be sure to subscribe to our channel www.youtube.com/user/tastelocalwines.

We have also added some new recipes and pairing ideas to our Blog here localstastingroom.com/category/blog/ and always welcome your suggestions as well. Sometimes we even award a little prize for the best ones. We are also documenting all the fun in the tasting room on our Facebook page here www.facebook.com/LocalsTastingRoom/.

As always, please be sure to mark your calendar and use your one dollar shipping benefit on a minimum of one case and a maximum of 3 cases from May 13th, 2019 thru May 20th 2019 and your 45 day discount runs through June 7th, 2019. The dollar shipping benefit is for new orders only and excludes Alaska, Canada and Hawaii.

Cheers to lots of porch sitting and sipping soon in the summer sunshine.

Carolyn

All Reds

**2016 William Gordon Hillside Blend
Petite Sirah, Zinfandel, Alexander Valley**

Retail \$36.00, Club price \$28.80
Follow-up \$27.00

**2015 A. Toraño, El Payaso, Syrah
Mendocino**

Retail \$48.00, Club price \$38.40
Follow-up \$36.00

**2014 Peterson, Bernier Zinyard
Zinfandel, Dry Creek Valley**

Retail \$33.00, Club price \$26.40
Follow-up \$24.75

**2015 Parmeson, Alegria Vineyard
Zinfandel, Russian River Valley**

Retail \$39.00, Club price \$33.15
Follow-up \$31.20

**2012 Topel, Le Mariage Meritage
Cab Sauv. Merlot, Malbec, Mendocino**

Retail \$40.00, Club price \$32.00
Follow-up \$30.00

**2014 Denier Handal
Cabernet Sauvignon, Dry Creek Valley**

Retail \$35.00, Club price \$28.00
Follow-up \$26.25

Three Reds & Three Whites

**2016 William Gordon Hillside Blend
Petite Sirah, Zinfandel, Alexander Valley**

Retail \$36.00, Club price \$28.80
Follow-up \$27.00

**2012 Topel - Le Mariage Meritage
Cab Sauv. Merlot, Malbec, Mendocino**

Retail \$40.00, Club price \$32.00
Follow-up \$30.00

**2014 Denier Handal, Cabernet Sauvignon
Dry Creek Valley**

Retail \$35.00, Club price \$28.00
Follow-up \$26.25

**2016 Peterson, Olas, Semillion, Sauvignon
Blanc, Sonoma County**

Retail \$28.00, Club price \$22.40
Follow-up \$21.00

**2018 Parmeson, Indian Springs Vineyard
Sauvignon Blanc, Sonoma County**

Retail \$25.00, Club price \$20.00
Follow-up \$18.75

**2011 Topel, Classique
Chardonnay, Mendocino**

Retail \$17.00, Club price \$13.60
Follow-up \$12.75

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

We always enjoy
hearing from you .

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