



Total Locals Wine Club

October 2009 Tasting Notes

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Hello Total Locals Club Members

Harvest is literally rolling past our picture windows here in Geyserville this month. Trucks laden with grapes headed to the crusher rumble past and the smell of fermentation is thick in the morning air. Tired vineyard workers up picking half the night look forward to a nice cold beer, while vintners, growers and ranch managers alike tend to the important small details of coordinating a successful harvest. Typically we are told harvest tales follow a certain trajectory - worry before, glory after. Early and widespread optimism is rare but it seems to be the case this year. A recent article in the San Francisco Chronicle said all the indications are that 2009 will be a year to remember - in a good way, for a change. The Sonoma County Wine grape Commission has released the organization's expectation regarding this year's grape harvest which is 200,000 tons, up 18% from last years meager crop of 169,000 tons. The commission has said that they don't expect this year's harvest to surpass the 2005 crop which totaled 216,000 tons which is good news for vineyards still waiting to harvest and sell their fruit.

Here at Locals we too have been enjoying a near perfect harvest season with warm sunny days, cool nights and lots of customers. The talk among our group of winemakers and growers is also of high quality fruit and the potential of a great 2009 vintage. Check out this cool YouTube site for a taste of the 2009 Harvest, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=isd7oRVMDCg>

The grape harvest leads directly to the biggest harvest celebration of the year, Thanksgiving. We have chosen two wonderful new Pinot Noir releases, Hawley & Eric Ross that would be splendid for your Thanksgiving feast. The two Zinfandels in your selection can either be served mid-meal during this food extravaganza or saved for some other upcoming holiday events. The Portalupi Old Vine is big, bold and perfectly paired with large antipasto platters and lots of friends. Not only is Peterson's Zinfandel a great value but the label is a great "read"!! The Petite Sirah



Work by Nancy Ballard
currently showing at Locals

from Saracina is perfect for a winter evening with a hearty meal and the long awaited new release of the Ramazzotti Grenache has everyone excited since it already tasted wonderful at barrel tasting. Open it quickly and then purchase lots more with your follow-up discount before it sells out again. Full tasting notes on all of your wine selections can be found by clicking here http://www.tastelocalwines.com/tasting_notes/

Diane has once again come up with some super food pairing ideas for you to try and you can click here <http://www.tastelocalwines.com/recipes/> to see the recipes she has selected. The Grenache is paired with a Saffron Braised Chicken with Chickpeas. For our vegetarian friends or as a side dish to a lovely salmon and bottle of Pinot Noir is the Farfalle with Wild Mushrooms. And, as a special nod to our November holiday, a zippy Cranberry-Cherry Relish made with Zinfandel.

All of us here at Locals wish you a bountiful harvest and holiday season. Drink lots of wine and enjoy yourselves and be sure to visit us if your travels bring you to Sonoma County.

As always, please don't forget to take advantage of your free shipping window starting on November 13, 2009 and ending on November 20, 2009 (Please note that the maximum order for free 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 December 7, 2009 and your free shipping code is TLC357. If you have questions or need additional suggestions just give us a call at 707-857-4900 and we would be pleased to assist.

Cheers,

Carolyn, Tim, and Diane

**2008 Eric Ross Pinot Noir
Saralee's Vineyard, RRV**
\$40 retail, \$32 club price,
\$30 45-day follow-up price

**2007 Portalupi Zinfandel Old Vine
Russian River Valley**
\$32 retail, \$25.60 club price,
\$24 45-day follow-up price

**2005 Saracina Petite Sirah
Mendocino County**
\$38 retail, \$30.40 club price,
\$28.50 45-day follow-up price

**2007 Hawley Pinot Noir
Oehlman Vineyard, RRV**
\$33 retail, \$26.40 club price,
\$24.75 45-day follow-up price

**2007 Peterson Zinfandel Old School,
Dry Creek Valley**
\$18 retail, \$14.40 club price,
\$13.50 45-day follow-up price

**2008 Ramazzotti Grenache Noir,
Dry Creek Valley**
\$35 retail, \$28 club price,
\$26.25 45-day follow-up price

Locals is open
Everyday from 11AM to 6PM.

We always enjoy hearing from you .
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