



Total Locals Wine Club

October 2016 Tasting Notes

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Hello Total Locals Club Members,

Its harvest around here and you can smell the fermentation in the air. By all accounts the 2016 vintage is going to be a great one. With about 90 percent of the grapes having been picked, the yield seems to be in line with the average over the last several years. Our winemakers seem excited, albeit a bit tired and stressed, but that comes with the territory. There are a few grapes still on the vines, some Cabernet and the Late Harvest, but for the most part the grape laden trucks that we have seen passing by the tasting room windows are starting to wane. We had a late stretch of warm days causing a big harvesting push right at the end. All in all this year's harvest is ending about two weeks earlier than usual. Unique this year was an even ripening across varieties. Many cooler region vineyards ripened at the same time as those in the warmer climates. Mother Nature gave us a very cool month of August which slowed ripening dramatically and many are excited about the quality of the grapes this produced. Each harvest brings challenges, expectations and triumphs. I look forward to seeking out the 2016 triumphs for your drinking pleasure.

Now are you ready for six great new wines? These selections will not disappoint. You will be receiving several Award Winners, like the 2013 Arbios Cabernet which medaled at the Orange Country Wine Competition and the 2013 Pendleton Estate Petite Sirah which won a Gold Medal from the prestigious 2016 American Fine Wine Competition. I am also pleased to introduce you to our newest winery, Parmeson Wines, whose 2013 Zinfandel is a real treat. A gold Medal winner at TexSom in 2016, this delicious Russian River Valley Zinfandel is made with fruit from the sought after Algeria Vineyard. It is a delicate, cool climate Zinfandel that balances fruit and spice beautifully. Take a look at some of our recipes localstastingroom.com/recipes for some good ideas of foods to pair with these wines, and here are four great recipes for entertaining from Diane's Holiday Recipes collection:



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"Easiest Ever" Baked Stuffed Roma Tomatoes Wrapped in Prosciutto or Bacon

Hearts of Palm "Crabless" Cakes Served in Lettuce Cups

Holiday Phyllo Appetizer Strudel

Holiday Tarts with Sausage, Tomato, & Goat Cheese

All of the wines in this collection are current tasting room favorites and personal favorites of mine. Full tasting notes on all six wines can be found by clicking here localstastingroom.com/tasting_notes and please call or email us if you have additional questions. We also love to know what you think, so if you are so inclined let us know on Facebook www.facebook.com/LocalsTastingRoom and perhaps send us a picture of yourself enjoying your wines with family and friends.

Please mark your calendars for your 45 day follow up discount window which runs until December 1st. Your One Dollar Shipping window is from November 21st until November 28th. Please note that the maximum order for dollar shipping is three cases per club member and excludes shipping to Hawaii, Alaska and Canada. This is a great time to consider shipping gift wines to friends...or stocking up on great wines for the holidays.

As always, I want to thank you, our Total Locals Club Members, for the trust you place in me and our great staff in allowing us the pleasure of selecting the best wines for your tasting experience. I love what I do.

Thanks

Carolyn

**2013 Arbios/praxis Pinot Noir
Sonoma Coast**

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

**2013 Parmesan Zinfandel
Russian River Valley, Alrgria Vineyard**

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

**2013 Kitfox OneTime Spaceman
Grenache Syrah Mourvedre**

Retail \$30.00, Club price \$24.00
Follow-up price \$22.50

**2012 Arbios Cabernet Sauvignon
Alexander Valley**

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

**2013 Pendleton Estate Petite Syrah
Alexander Valley**

Retail \$32.00, Club price \$25.60
Follow-up price \$24.00

**2012 Eric Ross Tempranillo
Lodi**

Retail \$39.00, Club price \$31.20
Follow-up price \$29.25

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Everyday from 11AM to 6PM.

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