

Locals Choice Wine Club

March 2017 Tasting Notes

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Hello Locals Choice Club members,

By the time you receive your wines spring will have sprung in the Alexander Valley.

Here at the tasting room we will have had the opportunity to sample the future during our annual two weekends of Barrel Tasting and hopefully we will have put this super rainy winter behind us. As those of you who live here know, the weather this winter was one for the record books but the happy result is that we are out of our drought and have plenty of reserves on hand.

The worst of the rains came while the vines were completely dormant and so luckily the grape harvest will not be affected. Of course...it's farming so there are no guarantees, but our winemakers seem optimistic so I am going to take the same view.

As most of you are probably aware, we recently added a one red and one white wine option to our two bottle club, so some of you will be receiving different wines than others. As always the tasting notes on all the wines and the pairing recipe suggestions can be found here localstastingroom/tasting notes. Please feel free to call us if you would like more information about your wines.

This month we kick things off with the 2014 Kitfox Gypsy Riddle, a blend of Grenache, Mourvedre and Syrah with just a tiny splash of Petite Syrah. This wine is a special one time only release. The wine is produced in small lots and represents an opportunity to get a bottle that would normally sell at twice this price. While the winemaker needs to stay confidential you will certainly want to share this wine with your friends. Aromas of rosebuds, dried strawberries and a touch of Dr. Pepper until you taste the finish of Black Currants and plum. I predict this one will leave you wanting more....and that is just a phone call or a visit away.

For those of you who requested two red wines, your second selection is the 2013 Peterson Petit Verdot from the Bradford Mountain Estate Vineyard. Made from predominantly Petit Verdot with a little Cabernet

Franc and Mabec blended in, the winemakers at Peterson describe this wine as having deep aromatics of wild grown blackberry fused with an inviting mineral essence. Buoyant acidity delivers robust flavors of brambly berry and spicy cedar. Fred Peterson's suggested pairing for this is a prosciutto wrapped tenderloin, a pasta carbonara or cheese and sausage stuffed portobello mushrooms. Sounds good to me!

For those of you who selected a white wine get ready to enjoy the 2013 Parmeson Chardonnay, which I personally can't keep my hands off and the award winning Pendleton Viognier which is a serious tasting room favorite.

I certainly hope that as many of you as possible will come and visit us this spring. The cherry blossoms are in full bloom in Geyserville and the vineyards, while still mostly dormant, are covered in a beautiful blanket of mustard flowers. If you follow us on Facebook at Locals Tasting Room you can see videos and photographs of our mascot Molly and my adventures in the vineyards, so if you can't visit in person you can at least live vicariously through our escapades.

There are some recipes to pair with our wines here <u>localstastingroom.com/recipes</u> and be sure to mark your calendars to take advantage of both your one dollar shipping window which runs from April 10th through April 17th and your 45 day follow up discount which is good until April 26th, 2017. The minimum order for dollar shipping is one case of wine and the maximum is 3 cases. This offer is for new orders only and excludes Alaska and Hawaii.

Please enjoy your wines as much as I have enjoyed selecting them for you. Happy Spring!

Cheers,

Carolyn

Locals Choice Reds Only Club Selections

2014 Kitfox Treasure Hunter Gypsy Riddle GSM Grenache, Syrah, Mourvedre Paso Robles Retail \$27.00, Club price \$22.95 Follow-up price \$21.60 2013 Peterson Petit Verdot Bradford Mountain Estate Dry Creek Retail \$36.00, Club price \$30.60 Follow-up price \$28.80

Locals Choice Pinks and Whites Club

2013 Parmeson Chardonnay Josephine Hill Vineyard Russian River ValleyRetail \$35.00, Club price \$29.75
Follow-up price \$28.00

2015 Pendleton Viognier Dry Creek ValleyRetail \$33.00, Club price \$28.05
Follow-up price \$26.40

Locals is open Everyday from 11am to 6pm.

We always enjoy hearing from you. 707-857-4900 Drop us a line at: Box 124, Geyserville, CA 95441.

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