



# Locals Choice Wine Club

December 2019 Tasting Notes

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Hello to all my Locals Choice Club members,

Well we survived the latest round of horrible fires in Sonoma County. Seeing little old Geyserville on the national news over and over again was not exactly what we would have wished for, but it is behind us now and Locals came through unscathed. Just before all this started the vineyards were a hive of activity, grape laden trucks clogged the local roads and the smell of a new vintage was in the air. Luckily the majority of the 2019 harvest was already finished so only a few vineyards lost property and grapes. Our thoughts are with our neighbors during this trying time.

On a separate note this may well be the prettiest time of year in wine country and one of our favorites. Our winemakers stop by with tales of the harvest and their excitement is palpable. So far this year the progress had been picture perfect. Of course there were the unexpected heat spikes, a bit of unwelcome rain, and a shortage of vineyard workers. But that comes with the territory, because it's farming after all.

As we sit around our dinner tables sipping a great glass of wine we sometimes forget all the work that goes into creating it. Each and every one of the wines in this quarter's selection has a story and a passion behind it. This year's harvest comes as the industry continues consolidating. Looming largest for many North Coast grape growers is the result of E. & J. Gallo Winery's \$1.7 billion planned acquisition of more than 30 low-price wine and spirits brands plus six wineries from Constellation Brands Inc. The deal, announced in April, will have an effect locally because many regional growers sell fruit to both companies, and Gallo's purchase includes the Clos duBois winery in Geyserville, along with notable brands with local ties such as Mark West and Ravenswood. Just this week Pahlmeyer Winery was also acquired by Gallo. What this means for us at Locals is an even more important emphasis on truly supporting true small family owned wineries and continuing to bring you the wines you will not find much beyond Sonoma County. That said, this month we have added a tenth winery to our lineup, Gore Family Vineyards and we look forward to hearing what you think about their wine as well as all the other selection in this shipment.

The wines you are receiving are some of our tasting room standouts and are also selected to pair with cool weather dining, holiday meals and evenings spent around the fire pit. Tasting notes on each of these wines are available on our website at [localstastingroom.com/tasting\\_notes/](http://localstastingroom.com/tasting_notes/). We also have live



video tastings of several of these wines with our resident expert and wine educator Patrick on our YouTube channel [youtube.com/user/tastelocalwines](https://www.youtube.com/user/tastelocalwines) so please subscribe and follow along as we move more and more of our content online. Follow all our antics on Facebook at [facebook.com/LocalsTastingRoom/](https://www.facebook.com/LocalsTastingRoom/).

As always, 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 December 16<sup>th</sup> thru December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. Your 45 day discount runs through January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The dollar shipping benefit is for new orders only and excludes Alaska, Canada and Hawaii. If you use these benefits and would like to store your wines for a later ship date we would be happy to do so. If you need to contact us please use [localstastingroom@gmail.com](mailto:localstastingroom@gmail.com) rather than responding directly to this email. Or call us at 707-857-4900 if you have any questions or just want to chat about wine!

If you are ordering additional wines for the Holidays we will need to receive your orders by December 9th for East Coast orders and latest 12/11 for all other shipments. Keep in mind that a Locals wine club makes an excellent gift! Just let us know who you want to gift and we will take care of the rest.

Enjoy your wines and happiest of holidays to you all. We hope we see you again at Locals soon.

Cheers,

Carolyn

***Locals Choice Reds Only Club Selections***

**2013 Gore Zinfandel  
Alexander Valley**

Retail \$35.00, Club price \$29.75  
Follow-up \$28.00

**2016 Denier Handal "Family Selection" – Syrah blend  
Mendocino**

Retail \$32.00, Club price \$27.20  
Follow-up \$25.60

***Locals Choice Red and White Club***

**2013 Gore Zinfandel  
Alexander Valley**

Retail \$35.00, Club price \$29.75  
Follow-up \$28.00

**2016 Eric Ross Albariño  
Lodi**

Retail \$27.00, Club price \$22.95  
Follow-up \$21.60

***Locals Choice Pinks and Whites Club***

**2016 Eric Ross Albariño  
Lodi**

Retail \$27.00, Club price \$22.95  
Follow-up \$21.60

**2018 Denier Handal Rosé – Sangiovese  
Mendocino**

Retail \$18, Club price \$15.30  
Follow-up \$14.40

Locals is open Everyday from 11am to 6pm.

We always enjoy hearing from you. 707-857-4900

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