



Locals Choice Wine Club

March 2021 Tasting Notes

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Hello Locals Choice Club members,

It is hard to believe that it has been a year since all this craziness started. I have spoken to many of you around the country over the past few weeks and was heartened to hear that you are hanging in there and still sipping good wines to help ease the formidable challenges we have all experienced. The good news is that spring, and I honestly believe, better times are ahead of us now.

To help you ease into spring, those of you in our Pinks and Whites Club will be receiving a real treat from our most recent winery addition to Locals, Drive Wines.

There is something beautifully confectionery about the nose of this Rosé. It is offset by the sweet acidity of end-of-Spring giant strawberries. What else? Fresh tarragon and spicy geranium blooms. The flavors are so fresh and bright as the acid first hits your tongue - more strawberry, the roundness of ripe stone fruit without being cloying, and fresh kefir zest and finger limes keep the finish alive. If this wine doesn't taste like spring, I don't know what does!

For those of you who enjoy red wines, I think you will find the 2018 Drive Wines Zinfandel most pleasing. Planted in 1904 as a zinfandel field blend, Puccioni Ranch is run by fourth-generation farmers. The nose reminds me of a freshly baked cherry pie with notes of strawberry, blueberry, cedar, and cocoa. Equally elegant and rustic with a balance of expressive fruit, with well-integrated acid and tannin. We love the extraordinary intensity and variety of aromas. You will note that the color is slightly lighter than you might be used to in a Zinfandel, but it is simply beautiful. We are not sure what the intention was of the original farmer 115 years ago, but the little bits of Petite Sirah, Carignan, and Alicante certainly make for a Zin that I am sure you will rave about. Try this wine with some smoked meats, a burger, some grilled veggies, or a tomato-based pasta and you will not be disappointed.

A lovely Petite Syrah from Bill Pesonan of William Gordon Winery rounds out the red wines selection beautifully, and the ever-popular Eric Ross Struttin' White will please all our white wine lovers.



I would also like to encourage you to subscribe to our YouTube channel here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6huOUqwmbwfJ7R1AVOJIDw> because this month I will be choosing at least one new subscriber and sending them a little surprise gift...in any case you do not want to miss all our antics and wine reviews. Our Zoom tastings have proved to be extremely popular as well so keep an eye on your email box for upcoming information on how to join in. I know it is not quite like hanging out with us in person...but at least we get to see your smiling, unmasked faces!

All your club wines are listed below, and we love to hear what you think of our selections, so don't hesitate to drop us a note. Tasting notes on each wine can be found here: localstastingroom.com/tasting_notes/

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 March 29th thru April 5th, 2021. Your 45-day discount runs through April 12th, 2021. The dollar shipping benefit is for new orders only and excludes Alaska, Canada, and Hawaii.

Take care and above all stay healthy. Cheers,

Carolyn

Locals Choice Reds Only Club Selections

2018 Drive Wines Zinfandel
Puccioni Ranch - Dry Creek Valley
Retail \$30.00 Club price \$25.50
Follow-up \$24.00

2014 William Gordon Petite Syrah
Alexander Valley
Retail \$35.00 Club price \$29.75
Follow-up \$28.00

Locals Choice Red and White Club

2018 Drive Wines Zinfandel
Puccioni Ranch - Dry Creek Valley
Retail \$30.00 Club price \$25.50
Follow-up \$24.00

2017 – Eric Ross Struttin" White
Verdejo - Lodi
Retail \$28.00 Club price \$23.80
Follow-up \$22.40

Locals Choice Pinks and Whites Club

2019 Drive Wines Rose of Zinfandel
Comstock Vineyard - Dry Creek Valley
Retail \$25.00 Club price \$21.25
Follow-up \$20.00

2017 – Eric Ross Struttin" White
Verdejo - Lodi
Retail \$28.00 Club price \$23.80
Follow-up \$22.40

**Locals is currently open Wednesdays through Fridays from noon until 1pm and Saturdays from noon until 5pm.
Outdoor tasting reservations are available on Fridays and Saturdays weather permitting.**

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