



Total Locals Wine Club

January 2012 Tasting Notes

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Hello Total Locals Club members and Happy New Year

I hope that by the time you start to explore the wonderful wines included in this club selection, you will still be holding on to the one important resolution I know you must all have made, and that is to drink more great wines in 2012.

As always we are here to help. These 6 wines represent just a small portion of our current selection, but I think they offer a great mix of winemaking styles and varietals. They also represent the work of winemakers with a true passion for the process. Living here in Sonoma County reminds me daily that the creation of a great wine is a fickle dream at best. Right now we are enjoying unseasonably warm weather for this time of year with sunny warm days in January when it should be pouring rain. The talk is of potential drought, but it does not seem to dampen the spirits of those involved in making your wines. Our winemakers mostly say they have seen this all before at one time or another. The harvests ahead will just be what they will be. We can only control so much. Probably a good thing to remember in general!

Your collection of wines this quarter is an interesting and eclectic mix. Mike Loycasek, always the rebel, introduces us to his latest release called the California Republic. This wine was blended from Mike's best barrels and is a wonderful addition to our portfolio. This is the inaugural launch so in Mike's words "Grab some hair and ride the bear" At such a gentle price point I suggest trying this one first and then stocking up before it sells out. You will also get to try his Gunfighter Cabernet, currently a tasting room favorite.

We are also pleased to bring you the pre-release of the 2009 Peterson Sangiovese "Il Granaio" which will not be released to the public until later in February. This wine has been a perennial tasting room favorite and I am sure you remember it from previous vintages....you will soon find that the 2009 will not disappoint.

Eric Luce introduces you to his latest with the Struttin' Red, this time blending a very friendly easy going Lodi Tempranillo, which is a Smokey lush red wine full



from artist Sargam Griffin
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of Spanish character, with the extra spicy pepper from an Old Vine Zinfandel and then just 6% of a nice weighty Petite Sirah to set up the base and structure of this yummy wine.

For our Foggy Valley fans, here is the new 09 Pinot, which I believe to be our best so far. Still offered at a very reasonable price point for such a delicious wine, the Anderson Valley fruit does not disappoint. This is a truly wonderful food pairing wine so your options are endless.

You can click here for details and tasting notes and on the other wines in this collection, tastelocalwines.com/tasting_notes, and here for a new recipe from Diane, tastelocalwines.com/recipes.

We have also been posting new info to our Blog so make sure you take a look tastelocalwinesblog.com and remember that we welcome your thoughts or stories. I have been know to send a little thank you gift to those that write to us about their wine drinking tales. Keep up with our daily happenings on Facebook at www.facebook.com/LocalsTastingRoom

If you are in our area please do come by and enjoy the new art on our walls. Sargam Griffin's work will be on display for the next couple of months and we are pleased to have the opportunity to share it with you while you sip on some of your favorite wines.

Once again I wish you only the best of times in 2012,

Carolyn

As always, please don't forget to take advantage of your \$1 per case shipping promotional window starting Friday February 17, 2012 and ending on Friday February 24, 2012. (Please note that the **maximum** order for \$1 per case 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 March 2nd and your discount shipping code is TLNWYR

**2008 Gunfighter Cabernet Sauvignon
Scharf Family Vineyard, DCV**
\$32 retail, \$25.60 club price,
\$24 45-day follow-up price

**2010 Eric Ross Struttin' Red
Tempranillo-Zin Blend, Lodi**
\$32 retail, \$25.60 club price,
\$24 45-day follow-up price

**2009 Peterson II Granaio
Sangiovese Blend**
\$32 retail, \$25.60 club price,
\$24 45-day follow-up price

**2009 Pendleton Celebration Cuvee
Cabernet Blend**
\$29 retail, \$23.20 club price,
\$21.75 45-day follow-up price

**2009 Gunfighter California Republic
Red Wine, Zinfandel Blend**
\$20 retail, \$16 club price,
\$15 45-day follow-up price

**2009 Foggy Valley Pinot Noir
Anderson Valley, Mendocino County**
\$24 retail, \$19.20 club price,
\$18 45-day follow-up price

Locals is open
Everyday from 11AM to 6PM.

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