



# Trust Carolyn Wine Club

May 2010 Tasting Notes

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Hello again to all you Trust Carolyn Club members,

Has it really been six months already since we have sent you great wine? You must all be getting thirsty by now! It is only May but the daytime temperatures are already climbing into the 80's during the day here in little old Geyserville. Our annual May Day picnic has just taken place, complete with the crowning of the May queen, maypole dancing, the big rib cook-off and the ever popular egg toss contest. Every year at this event there is a display of historical photographs that serve as a reminder of how far this small town dates back and the depth of its agricultural roots.

It was in April of 1847, that an intrepid bear-killer named William Bell Elliott was hunting grizzlies in the mountains of Sonoma County between Cloverdale and Calistoga and came upon a narrow canyon where he saw a number of hot springs, fumaroles, and steam vents all of which appeared to be smoking. What he had discovered were soon named "The Geysers" which were not really geysers at all but did give the town of Geyserville its name. Just in case you are curious, from the perspective of groundwater, fumaroles could best be described as a hot spring that boils off all its water before the water reaches the surface and the visible puffs of steam are the result.

Soon agriculture became an important part of life in the new community. Occasionally, squatters' battles would flare up over possession of the land. Cattle grazed free, grain crops and orchards were planted, and the rich gravelly soil was found to be ideal for viticulture. Crop followed crop, with pears and prunes playing a major role until the "wine boom" of the 1970's, when the grapes took over, undulating in glowing green lines across the valley. Wineries, previously providing bulk product to major operations throughout the state, proudly put their own labels on the bottles and invited visitors to taste and compare. Dozens of wineries large and small now produce some of the best wines in California.

As Locals reaches its eight year anniversary this month we too are becoming a part of the town's history. Since we opened our doors the town has grown and changed a little but our mission at Locals remains the same. We are here



to introduce you to the family owned wineries that call this area home and to continue to help you to discover these small production gems.

The collection of wines below includes many of our current favorites. There are some great summer sippers as well as some bigger wines to pair with your summer barbeques. You can click here <http://www.tastelocalwines.com/recipes/> to see Diane's current suggestions for what to serve alongside your chicken and ribs or go back into our archives for some of our tried and true barbeque recipes. There are also wines that will be perfect for your summer entertaining, graduation celebrations and picnics and even a nice bottle or two for that peaceful summer evening in your own back yard.

We will be thinking of you here in Geyserville this summer as we raise a glass or two ourselves. Come visit us again soon because there is always something new to discover around here.

Cheers,

Carolyn, Tim and Diane

**Free Shipping Offer:** As a thank you for your continued membership in the Trust Carolyn Club I would also like to offer you free shipping on up to 3 cases of wine so that you have plenty to enjoy as well as share with your friends. (Please note that the maximum order for free shipping is three cases per club member with a maximum of one case to Alaska and Hawaii). Free shipping is available to you beginning on June 18th, 2010 and continuing through June 25th, 2010. Please use the code TCWCMY5 when ordering online or mention it to us when you call in your order. Remember to also take advantage of your additional 45-day club follow up discount on all orders placed before July 2nd, 2010.

**2007 RH Wines Russian Hill Pinot Noir Estate, Russian River Valley**

\$32 retail, \$25.60 club price  
\$24 45-day follow-up price

**2006 Ramazzotti Ricordo Zinfandel, Dry Creek Valley**

\$30 retail, \$24 club price,  
\$22.50 45-day follow-up price

**2007 Peterson Zinfandel Tradizionale, DCV**

\$29 retail, \$23.20 club price,  
\$21.75 45-day follow-up price

**2008 Dark Horse Gunfighter Third Notch Zin Blend**

\$20 retail, \$16 club price,  
\$15 45-day follow-up price

**2007 Ramazzotti Sangiovese Dry Creek Valley**

\$25 retail, \$20 club price,  
\$18.75 45-day follow-up price

**2007 Peterson Sangiovese Dry Creek Valley**

\$20 retail, \$16 club price,  
\$15 45-day follow-up price

**2007 Praxis Merlot Alexander Valley**

\$19 retail, \$15.20 club price,  
\$14.25 45-day follow-up price

**2006 Saracina Syrah Rodgers Creek Vineyard, Sonoma Coast PRE-RELEASE**

\$32 retail price, \$25.60 club price  
\$24 45-day follow-up price

**2006 RH Wines Syrah Estate Russian River Valley**

\$28 retail price, \$22.40 club price  
\$21 45-day follow-up price

**2005 Arbios Cabernet Sauvignon Alexander Valley**

\$31 retail price, \$24.80 club price  
\$23.25 45-day follow-up price

**2008 Saracina Sauvignon Blanc Mendocino**

\$23 retail price, \$18.40 club price  
\$17.25 45-day follow-up price

**2008 Dark Horse/Andrew Peacock Chardonnay Estate, Dry Creek Valley**

\$14 retail price, \$11.20 club price  
\$10.50 45-day follow-up price

**Locals Tasting Room  
is open Everyday  
from 11am-6pm**

We always enjoy  
hearing from you .

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