



Total Locals Wine Club

October 2011 Tasting Notes

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Hello again all my Total Locals club members,

Can it really already be October? Is it even possible that we are moving into the holiday season so soon?

The sounds of the harvest all around me here in Sonoma County, are a daily reminder that time is marching on. This years' rollercoaster of a season has caused both joy and consternation for our winegrowers and all those that work closely with them. First it was cool, then it got very hot, then it rained unexpectedly at the not so perfect time and then it rained again, hard, right when harvest had started. As of this writing, some fruit is yet to be picked....a few folks (luckily none of ours) panicked and picked before the rains but those that waited are now being rewarded with picture perfect sunny days to finish things off. I liked this local newspaper article which gives a nice glimpse of the realities of winemaking: [pressdemocrat article](#).

Our good friend Eric Luse, who as many of you know is also a very well known photographer, captured some great shots of the Ramazzotti harvest this year several of which are included here. The Ramazzotti Ricordo which you are receiving as a part of this quarter's selection was a Gold Medal winner at this years Sonoma County Harvest Fair and will be sold out before you know it....so enjoy it soon in case you want to try and order a few more bottles.

With the holidays fast approaching feel free to reach out to us for suggestions about wine and food pairings. Tell our Wine Club Guru, Diane, what you are cooking up and she will send you back some pairing suggestions and perhaps even a recipe or two from her extensive archives. Check our other [recipes online](#). Diane is now heading up our East Coast office, which we affectionately refer to as



*Joe Ramazzotti on tractor
Photographs: Eric Luse*

Locals Too. She and I are planning some fun in-home Locals parties so stay tuned for more info. You can always reach Diane at LocalsWineClub@gmail.com

At Locals I have been gratified to welcome so many new club members over the last few months. As our ten-year anniversary approaches it is really fun to watch our fans both old and new still enjoying both the place and the wine selections so much. We currently have a tasting room full of new releases, award winners and fun blends to tempt you with. We continue to turn varietal virgins into new believers and Merlot bashers into fans of this noble grape. Watch our [Facebook page](#) for fun contests with great prizes...be sure to follow us so you too can become a Local in the know.

All the wines in this quarter's selection are current favorites of mine and I hope you enjoy them too. Your complete tasting notes are here tastelocalwines.com/tasting_notes. Please write to us and let us know what you think as your feedback is very important to us all.

As always, please don't forget to take advantage of your \$1 per case shipping promotional window starting Friday, November 11, 2011 and ending on Friday November 18, 2011. (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 December 2nd and your discount shipping code is TLDCNTWN

Cheers and happy sipping,

Carolyn

**2009 Pendleton Mourvedre
Mendocino County**

\$27 retail, \$21.60 club price,
\$20.25 45-day follow-up price

**2010 Eric Ross Pinot Noir
Saralee's Vineyard, RRV**

\$45 retail, \$36 club price,
\$33.75 45-day follow-up price

**2007 Ramazzotti Ricordo
Zinfandel Blend, Dry Creek Valley**

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

**2009 Peterson Sangiovese
Dry Creek Valley**

\$22 retail, \$17.60 club price,
\$16.50 45-day follow-up price

**2009 Saracina Malbec, Skid Row
Mendocino County**

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

**2009 Andrew Peacock Merlot
Lake County**

\$18 retail, \$14.40 club price,
\$13.50 45-day follow-up price

Locals is open
Everyday from 11AM to 6PM.

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