



# Locals Choice Wine Club

December 2007 Tasting Notes

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Hello again Locals Choice Club members,

Can the countdown to Christmas really have begun already? It seems to get earlier every year with stories of stores opening at 4 AM to accommodate the lines of people who have been waiting half the night. Well here is an idea for you whose time has definitely come. Just stay home where it is warm and cozy and wait for the doorbell to ring, letting you know that your two great wine selections from Locals have arrived. Before you know it you will be sitting back, relaxing and enjoying a nice glass of either the Topel 2003 Cabernet Sauvignon or Ramazzotti 2004 Ricordo Zinfandel Blend. And then we have some more advice for you...skip the stores and shop online. Here are some of my and Diane's suggestions for those hard to please friends, cousins or colleagues. First of all use your follow up or club discount to order some more wine from us and try these gift giving ideas.

Send a friend the Ramazzotti Ricordo together with a gift certificate to [www.jackstackbbq.com](http://www.jackstackbbq.com) which serves some of the best BBQ in Kansas City and will deliver right to their door. Or you could go with a gift certificate from [www.omahasteaks.com](http://www.omahasteaks.com) which should please just about everyone. A gift certificate to [www.chefshop.com](http://www.chefshop.com) will keep anyone busy for hours just looking around. You could also just make up a big bowl of chili and enjoy a bottle all to yourself. For inspiration take a look at [www.chilionline.com](http://www.chilionline.com) and see if any of the recipes call out to you.

The Topel Cabernet would go nicely with a gift certificate from [www.fromages.com](http://www.fromages.com) which offers a monthly selection of amazing French cheeses that arrive with tasting advice for each cheese selection. Or you could send a subscription to a chocolate club from a favorite San Francisco store of mine [www.recchiuti.com](http://www.recchiuti.com). Once you try their Sur de Lago with a glass of Cabernet you will be hooked for life. Just think about a morsel of extra-bitter chocolate ganache sitting atop a pure chocolate disk, topped with crushed cacao nibs and enrobed in pure bittersweet chocolate. Yummy. Another site I like especially for truffles is [www.thetruffles.com](http://www.thetruffles.com) but it is really hard to send a gift without making a purchase for yourself as well, so be warned. Of course if you really want to make someone happy, make them a member of



one of our wine clubs. It is the gift that keeps on giving all year long. Just fill out this [form online](#) and fax it over or call us and we will take care of the details over the phone and include a personalized note. (You can find the form on our web site at [www.tastelocalwines.com/wine\\_club\\_gift\\_membership.pdf](http://www.tastelocalwines.com/wine_club_gift_membership.pdf))

Although not a part of our club selections this time, don't forget about our dessert wines including Ports, Late Harvest Zins and Muscat Blanc which make fabulous holiday gifts. Giving them alone or paired with the terrific chocolates above is a great idea. We would be happy to help you with any of your gift giving ideas...so if we can send a special someone a personalized gift just give us a call at 707-857-4900 or drop us an email. If you are within driving distance to Locals, you may want to stop in during the weekend of December 15 & 16 for some holiday cheer, sweet treats and winemakers signing bottles for gifts.

As always, full tasting notes for the current selections are available online at our website [www.tastelocalwines.com](http://www.tastelocalwines.com) and a great new recipe to try can be found by clicking [www.tastelocalwines.com/recipes/](http://www.tastelocalwines.com/recipes/). We are once again pleased to offer you free shipping on up to 3 cases of Locals wines ordered between December 10th and December 16th and your 45 day follow up discount is in effect until January 19th, 2008. Please either call us and mention code FSHIP2 or use the same code when ordering through our online store.

**2004 Ramazzotti Ricordo Zinfandel Blend**

\$28 Retail, Club Price \$23.80

45-day follow up price \$22.40

**2003 Topel Cabernet Sauvignon**

\$28.50 Retail, Club Price \$24.23

45-day follow up price \$22.80

All of us at Locals wish you a happy, healthy and peaceful holiday season. Enjoy and relax.

Cheers,

Carolyn, Tim, Diane and Sharon

Locals is open Wednesday through Monday from 11AM to 6PM.

We always enjoy hearing from you .

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