

**PLUS!***Gold Series Selection***Rusina***2006 Alexander Valley Zinfandel***Alexander Valley***475 Cases Produced*

Located in Healdsburg, California, Rusina is a tiny wine producer sourcing fruit from small, family-owned vineyards in Sonoma County's Alexander and Dry Creek Valleys. *Rusina* is named after a Roman goddess who was called upon by ancient farmers to protect their fields and vineyards, and owner/winemaker Doug Wilson found the name fitting for his small entity. Wilson brings twenty years of winemaking and grape growing experience to Rusina and has had the opportunity to work with both large and small wineries throughout the great winegrowing regions of California. His special interest in Zinfandel brought him to the Alexander and Dry Creek Valleys, which are some of the most desired areas and home to some of the state's oldest plantings of the grape, cultivated and nourished by generations of family farmers dedicated to the simple task of farming for quality. The wine portfolio at Rusina is predominantly based on Zinfandel and Wilson enjoys making wines that express the unique qualities of the grape, conveying different styles based on his various vineyard sites. Through his experience, Wilson has stumbled upon exquisite sites, often undiscovered by most winemakers, and these form the core of Rusina wines.

*ACCOLADES & TASTING NOTES*

Rusina's minimalist approach to winemaking and hands-on attention to detail results in consistently high quality wines year after year, and with such limited production, these compelling and expressive wines are next to impossible to get your hands on. The 2006 Alexander Valley Zinfandel (at just 475 cases produced!) was awarded a **Double Gold Medal** at the *San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition* and a **Silver Medal** at the *Orange County Fair Wine Competition*. Rusina's secret to crafting their medal-winning Zinfandels is the added touch of Petite Sirah – this 2006 vintage is 12% Old Vine Petite Sirah, which adds a nice base of firm tannins and deep, rich color to the finished wine. The Zinfandel, which makes up 88% of this wine, comes from 30+ year-old bench land vineyards near Healdsburg in the cooler region of the Alexander Valley. The result is a beautiful wine with complex flavors of blackberry, raspberry, anise, mocha and brown spices. Rich and concentrated, this 2006 Alexander Valley Zinfandel has excellent structure with a smooth, silky finish. Aged 11 months in oak. Enjoy now until 2014.

*REORDERS**2006 Alexander Valley Zinfandel*

Winery Direct: \$28.00 /bottle

**Gold Medal Wine Store price:****2-Bottle Members: \$21.00 /bottle****4-Bottle/ Multi-Series Members: \$19.50 /bottle**

\*2 bottle min. order. Availability is extremely limited.

(plus shipping)

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