

PLUS!

Gold Series Selection

## Thacher Winery 2006 Zinfandel Paso Robles

620 Cases Produced

For decades, quarter horses, cattle and cowboys roamed the grassy hills of Paso Robles' old Kentucky Ranch. Today, the historic property is home to Thacher Winery, full of casual charm and reminiscent of California's past and present. The winery is owned by the husband-wife team of Sherman and Michelle Thacher, who met while working for the Los Gatos Brewing Company in northern California. Sherman was an award-winning Brewmaster for sixteen years, but after discovering the romance and allure of the wine industry, he began crafting wine in the Santa Cruz Mountains. He worked under the loose tutelage of distinguished winemakers at wineries such as David Bruce, Mariani and Savannah-Chanelle. By 2001, Sherman and his wife Michelle decided to truly pursue their dream of building a winery from the ground up and began searching for a property to call their own. The rustic charm of Paso Robles with its small-town appeal and celebrated wine country seemed the perfect fit, and when the old Kentucky Ranch on the desirable Westside county became available, the Thachers jumped at the opportunity. 2004 marked the first vintage for Thacher Winery and they have garnered numerous Gold Medals for their boutique wine collection ever since. With just 1,800 cases produced each year, Thacher Winery is among the smaller winery operations of Paso Robles, but their award-winning Rhône blends and Zinfandels are quickly putting them on the map. Enjoy the latest achievement from this up-and-coming Central Coast producer.

## ACCOLADES & TASTING NOTES

Thacher Winery's 2006 Zinfandel comes from two popular vineyard sites on the Westside of Paso Robles: Je T'aime and Hastings Ranch. The sites offer distinctive soil compositions, diurnal temperature swings, and a variation of microclimates that together demonstrate local subtleties and true Westside terrior. This 2006 Zinfandel displays an intense ruby core with complex aromas of Bing cherry, cranberry, red currant, toffee, smoke, hibiscus tea, leather and oak spice. On the palate, the Zinfandel has a silky body with structural tannins and a delicious flavor compilation of cherry cola, dried cranberries, baking spice, cedar, molasses and vanilla. Its long finish has lasting ripe berry flavors and a beautifully developed texture that lingers after each sip. A **Gold Medal** winner at the *Mid-State Fair* and a **Silver Medal** winner at the *San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition*, the Thacher 2006 Paso Robles Zinfandel is an excellent achievement and one you will want to stock up on for your cellar. Aged 20 months in oak. 100% Zinfandel. Enjoy now until 2014.

## REORDERS

2006 Zinfandel

Winery Direct: \$29.00 /bottle

Gold Medal Wine Store price:

2-Bottle Members: \$21.00 /bottle 4-Bottle / Multi-Series Members: \$20.00 /bottle

\*2 bottle min. order. Availability is extremely limited. (plus shipping)

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