

PLUS!*Platinum Series Selection*

Toucan Wines
2005 Estate Zinfandel
 Arroyo Grande Valley
300 Cases Produced

It's not often that we see a winery devoted to a single varietal from a single vineyard, but at Toucan Wines in Arroyo Grande, California, Doug Timewell wouldn't have it any other way. His limited production, three and a half acre vineyard on California's Central Coast produces one of the most awarded Zinfandels in the region. Timewell got his start with Toucan Wines in 1992, after grafting his "old clone" Zinfandel and Petite Syrah from the highly regarded Benito Dusi Vineyard in Paso Robles, California. These vines were originally planted in 1923 and have been acquired by many of the top Zinfandel producers in California. It was in Timewell's first harvest, when he fermented his grapes in two trash bins, that the winery received its name, "two cans." Although the winery continues to receive more praise year after year, Toucan Wines still remains a one-man effort. Doug Timewell carries out the entire operation, which includes the planting, trellising, irrigation, harvesting, pruning, and winemaking. Wanting to keep production small and concentrated on quality, Toucan Wines only produces 300 cases and is one of the smallest wineries and estate vineyards in California.

ACCOLADES & TASTING NOTES

Although Toucan Wines' production size is small, the number of prestigious medals the 2005 Estate Zinfandel is receiving is *anything* but. At the 2007 *Los Angeles International Wine Competition*, this wine was awarded a **Gold Medal**, and at the *California State Fair Wine Competition*, the Zinfandel earned a second **Gold Medal**. This crowd-pleasing wine also won hearts at the *Orange County Fair Wine Competition*, leaving with its third **Gold Medal**, and as if that weren't enough, the 2005 Zinfandel won a fourth **Gold Medal** at the *Dallas Morning News Wine Competition* as well. Accurately described by A. Boehmer of *New World Wines*, "This is an outstanding Zinfandel. Very dark ruby in color, this wine has a deep nose of raspberry and sweet fruits with attractive notes of wild herbs, pepper and smoke. Very full-bodied and complex...this is one of the best current Zinfandels and is highly recommended." Aged in oak for twelve months, this rich and flavorful wine pairs well with mildly spiced, savory meat dishes. 89% Zinfandel, 11% Petite Syrah. Enjoy now through 2015.

REORDERS

2005 Estate Zinfandel

Winery Direct: \$34.00/bottle

Gold Medal Wine Club's PLUS! price:

Half-Case - \$30.00 /bottle (\$180.00)

Full-Case - \$27.00 /bottle (\$324.00)

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