

# TOUCAN WINES

## 2007 Estate Petite Sirah

### 2007 in the vineyard...

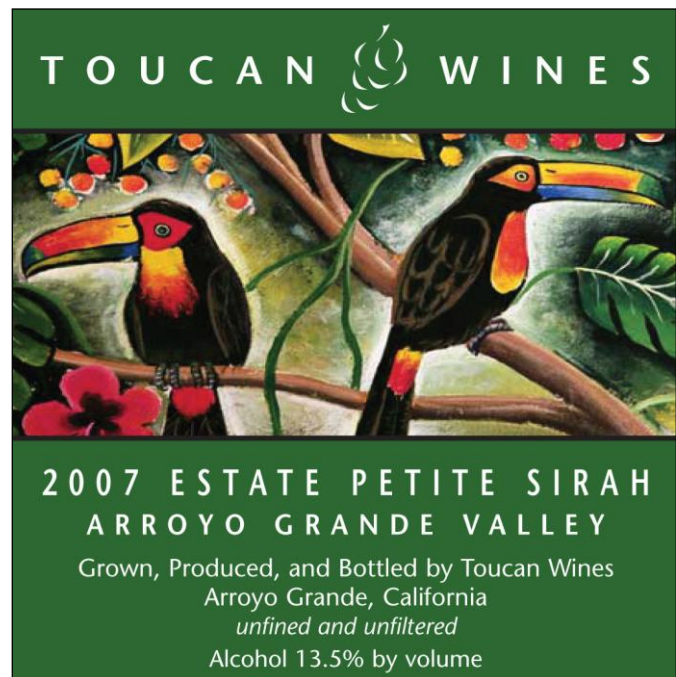
A dry and cold winter allowed us to complete pruning in January, but nights of hard-freezes for a seven day stretch damaged water lines, foliage on trees and ultimately meant the end for several vines in the vineyard. The rains never came in spring and drought conditions resulted in early stress in the vineyard forcing less established vines to give up their fruit. Vines less stressed by the loss of rain set less fruit than normal on a schedule more typical of 2004 or 2005 vintages. The clusters and the berries formed this year were both smaller and more concentrated. The consistent warmth and relatively dry weather that dominated the growing season also produced less foliage on the vines, fewer weeds and overall the yield was less than expected. Very little vine thinning was required in July to expose the fruit to sun and air-flow and as veraison started we noticed the vines slowing and starting an early seasonal shut-down. By mid August the vineyard was entirely netted and we began our wait for harvest.

Harvest of our Estate Petite Sirah occurred on September 29<sup>th</sup>. The fruit came into the winery in perfect condition and I allowed 3 plus days of cold soaking and a slow fermentation in one small open bin. After a gentle pressing, we placed the wine in small French, Hungarian, and American oak barrels. After the first racking and a portion blended with the Estate Zinfandel, the remaining Petite Sirah was placed in new Hungarian oak and French oak barrels. Our 2007 Estate Petite Sirah was bottled on February 8<sup>th</sup> 2009 after 16 months in barrel. Only 35 cases were separately bottled unfinned and unfiltered. A bottling of 245 cases of our 2007 Estate Zinfandel was also bottled from our Toucan Wines estate vineyard.

### The finished wine...

The 2007 Estate Petite Sirah resembles the 2006 vintage with it's elegant fruit with a full and round mouth feel. On release, the 2007 will still be a young wine and proper storage is recommended. See more note on the Toucan Wines web site.

Harvest: September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
Bottled: February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
Acid: .794  
Alcohol: 13.5%  
Release: \$38/btl retail (35 cases - 750ml)



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## Hand Crafted, Estate Grown, Limited Production Wines

Toucan Wines is a California micro-winery and 3 ½ acre vineyard producing hand-crafted estate grown Zinfandel and Petite Sirah wines with a limited total production of about 400 cases.

Toucan Wines is located on the beautiful central coast of California, in the Arroyo Grande Valley AVA, in the foothills near the Huasna Valley on a ranch known as Tar Springs. Our small 3½ - acre hillside vineyard is planted to "old clone" head-trained Zinfandel and Petite Sirah vines known for low-yields, looser clusters and balanced fruit. Grafted from the 1923 planting of the highly regarded Benito Dusi vineyard in Paso Robles, these vines thrive by producing intense Zinfandel fruit in our microclimate of warm-to-hot days and cool nights.

Our micro-climate produces an elegant and forward Zinfandel and Petite Sirah with finesse found in the finest wines made in California. Our cool nights and warm days help deliver rich varietal favors and balanced acidity making our wines the perfect selection for fine food.

We truly are a family run farm and winery, we planted the vines, we perform the vineyard work, and we produce the wines on-site. As a friend said recently "every grape cluster has our name on it". We marry this fabulous fruit with both traditional and modern winemaking on a scale that makes us one of the smallest wineries and estate vineyards in California.

Small by any standard, micro-wineries like ours are focused on quality – it's our focus, attention to detail, and limited production that helps set our wines apart. The winery, located in the estate vineyard and next to the family home, produces a full-bodied and richly flavored Zinfandel and Petite Sirah taking full advantage of what the old style vines and microclimate have to offer.

### **2007 Releases**

2007 Toucan Wines Estate Petite Sirah  
2007 Toucan Wines Estate Zinfandel  
Toucan Wines Estate Toucanet

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