

TOUCAN WINES

2006 Carignane Evangelho Vineyard

Our 2006 Carignane is made from rare old-vine Carignane grapes grown in Contra Costa County on vines planted in the 1890's. The beautiful Evangelho family vineyard is home to some of the oldest vines growing in California.

Not well known, we call it Carignane in California, Carignan in France, Carignano in Italy, and Carinena in Spain – this varietal is also grown in South America, Algeria, Morocco, and South Africa. Difficult to grow, given how susceptible the varietal is to fungus and mildew, Carignane offers her best effort in pour soils from older vines. Widely planted in the southwest of France and the northeast of Spain, Carignane was the third most widely planted red-wine grape variety in California (1970's) before Cabernet Sauvignon took over the position. Used historically as a blending wine, today Carignane is rarely produced and bottled as a 100 percent varietal.

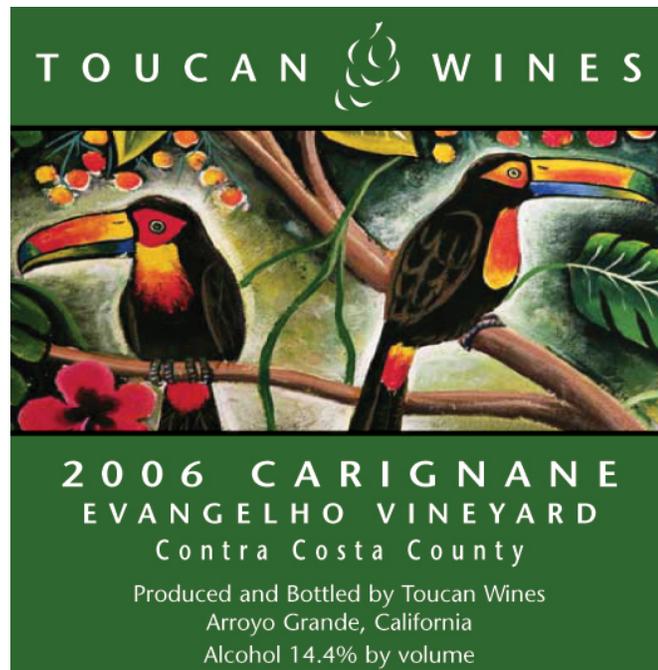
Harvested on September 19th from low-yield 120 year old vines, grown in the Evangelho vineyard in Contra Costa County. Harvested at 25 Brix, this wine was slowly fermented after a period of cold soaking and pressed to a combination of French, Hungarian and American oak barrels. The wine was racked twice and after a year in new and one-year old oak we felt the wine exhibited a great floral-berry nose and a forward dark-berry and fine oak taste, so on October 3rd, 2007 we bottled 73 cases of this rare and fine wine. The resulting wine is a classic 100% varietal bottling from this outstanding "old vine" vineyard.

This wine has a beautiful nose and an elegant and balanced mouth-feel – it's drinking very nicely now especially with food and I expect this wine to hold up and improve with a year or two in the bottle.

The finished wine...

The 2006 Carignane has a rich ruby color, with a floral nose of toast, ripened berries and desirable floral earthiness; a full lush mouth feel serves up ripe berry fruit with balanced acid and light tannins. This wine is very attractive and a great choice for food service.

Harvest: September 19th 2006
Bottled: October 3rd 2007
Acid: TA .61 pH 3.54
Alcohol: 14.4%
Release: 73 cases



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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 300-400 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.

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