

TOUCAN WINES

2011 Old Vine Carignane Evangelho Vineyard, Planted 1890

Our old vine Carignane is harvested from the low-yielding 120+ year old vines, grown in the Evangelho Vineyard located in Contra Costa County and planted in 1890.

This Evangelho grown fruit was the last harvested from the Evangelho vineyard in 2011. This last harvest assures us the ripest possible conditions from the choicest sweet spot in this amazing vineyard. We traveled to the vineyard, the morning of September 28th and returned with 8 full bins of amazing Carignane fruit.

That same afternoon, we crushed the fruit and then cold-soaked the must for 7 days before the natural yeast took hold. The wine slowly fermented and was pressed to a combination of mostly new French and Hungarian barrels. After 22 months in barrels, and a total of three rackings, we proudly hand-bottled this wine unfinned and unfiltered. The bottling of 238 cases took place the 3rd week of July, 2013. In addition to the standard 750ml bottles, we bottled five 3 liter double magnums.

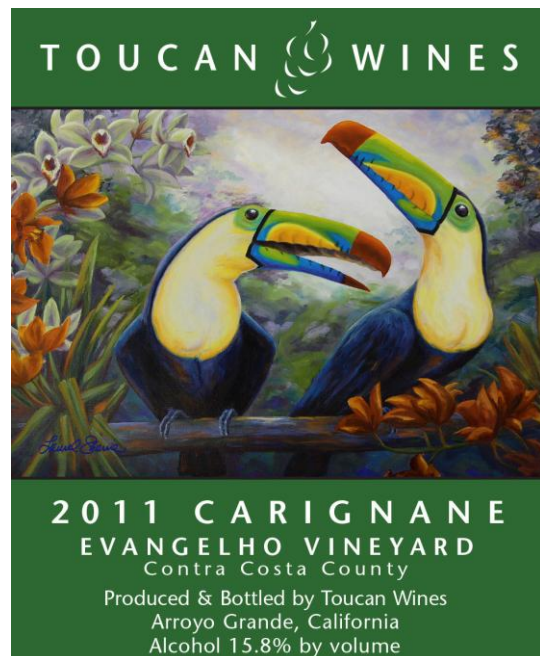
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The resulting wine from this heirloom varietal, grown in the Evangelho vineyard since 1890, is loaded with bursting fruit, very balanced acid and refined oak aging. Today, this wine is drinking beautifully, and should drink well for many years to come - depending on storage.

In 2011, our estate vineyard was the last of three very challenging years. As a result we could not produce our Estate Zinfandel or our Estate Petite Sirah. In 2011, the Old Vine Carignane and an Old Vine Carignane Dessert Wine was all we produced.

Harvest: Sept. 28, 2011
Bottled: July 20-25, 2013
Production: 238 cases
Alcohol: 15.8
pH: 3.31
TA: .83

"Toucan Symphony" by Laurel Sherrie



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Hand Crafted, Estate Grown, Limited Production Wines

Toucan Wines is a husband and wife run micro-winery and 3½ acre vineyard producing hand-crafted estate grown Zinfandel and Petite Sirah wines with a total limited estate production of about 300 cases.

Toucan Wines is located on the beautiful central coast of California, deep in the foothills of the Arroyo Grande Valley AVA. 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. Our micro-climate helps produce an elegant yet forward Zinfandel and Petite Sirah with rich varietal flavors and balanced acidity - making our wines the perfect selection for fine food. We produce every wine without adjustment, and each is carefully aged in only the finest new oak, then hand-bottled unfined and unfiltered.

Husband and wife, Doug Timewell and Terrie Leivers farm the vines and produce the wines, we truly are a family winery - we planted the vineyard, we perform the vineyard work, and we produce and bottle the wines in our winery located next to our family home. Small by any standard, micro-winereries like ours are focused on quality - it's our focus, attention to detail, and limited production that helps set our wines apart.

Doug Timewell and Terrie Leivers

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