

# TOUCAN WINES

## 2012 Estate Petite Sirah

*48 cases produced*

### **2012 in the vineyard**

This year is marked as an outstanding year for wine grape growing, and for being the first year of a three year drought on the central coast of California. 2012 was a year that winemakers dream about, with nearly perfect growing weather, textbook timing, and stunning fruit that produced, in the Toucan Vineyard, a full crop of well balanced and age-worthy wines.

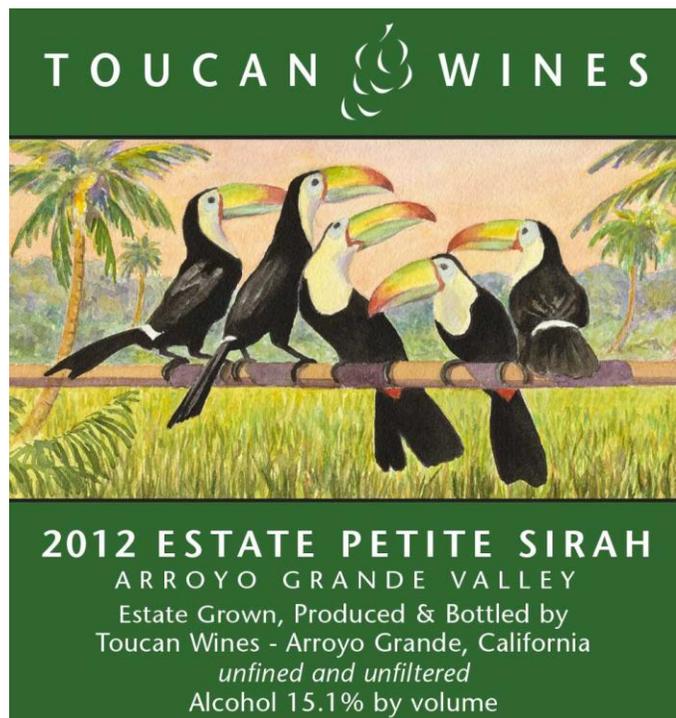
We completed pruning by mid-February and saw our first leaves on April 1<sup>st</sup> and bud-break throughout April. We suffered no frost damage, and less extreme weather in the form of wind or excessively hot days. My notes refer to the very dry conditions, but compared to the 2 years that followed, rainfall was fair, but still below average. Vine growth was normal and fruit-set was picture perfect. After selective fruit thinning and green growth removal, on August 4<sup>th</sup> we netted the vineyard as we began to see transformation in color. Harvest began October 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Estate Petite Sirah and September 22<sup>nd</sup> for our Estate Zinfandel fruit, and on October 28<sup>th</sup> we picked our final fruit of the season.

Our limited amount of Estate Petite Sirah was shared between our Estate Zinfandel Blend, our Reserve Cuvee, and our Estate Petite Sirah release of 48 cases. The fruit was unusually small clustered and ripened early to create a dark, and full bodied example from our 300 producing estate Petite Sirah vines.

This release of Estate Petite Sirah is a blend that includes 20% of our Estate Zinfandel. The blend rested for 20 months in new Hungarian oak barrels, and we hand-bottled 48 cases including a few larger format bottles.

Our 2012 Estate Petite Sirah reminds me of our 2010 release, and like the Estate Zinfandel is a perfect example of the fruit our vineyard is capable of producing. A young, complex wine that is more approachable than our 2010 was when young. This wine is food ready and will develop for many years in the bottle. Drink 2015 - 2025

Harvest: October 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Bottled: June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
Acid: .84 TA 3.22pH  
Alcohol: 15.1%  
Release: 48 cases



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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-wineries 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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