

TOUCAN WINES

2012 Old Vine Carignane Evangelho Vineyard

142 cases produced

Our "Old Vine" Carignane, beginning with the 2006 vintage, is harvested from the low-yielding 120+ year old Carignane vines, grown in the Evangelho Vineyard located in Contra Costa County.

Our 2012 Carignane was again the last fruit of the vintage picked from this ancient vineyard, harvested on September 18th. Just as we have for several years, we drove all night to arrive at the vineyard just as the sun was about to rise. Working with the picking crew, our fruit was quickly placed in bins and loaded on our trailer for the long drive back to Arroyo Grande. Once home, we crushed and slowly fermented the juice after a short period of cold soaking. The wine was then pressed into 50% new French, Hungarian and American oak barrels, and aged for 23 months before hand-bottling.

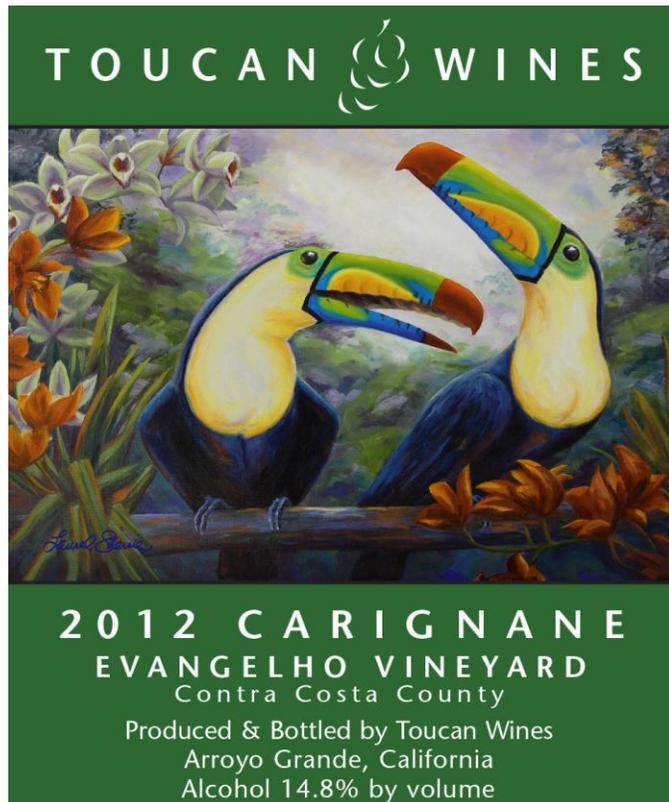
This vintage yielded a crop with slightly lower sugar levels (25.5 brix) that resulted in a wine that reached 14.8% alcohol instead of the usual 15.9 or 16%. This reduction is by no means a reflection of lesser quality or less forwardness – the 2012 vintage is another perfect example of the fine fruit grown in this very old vineyard, very balanced and in some ways more complex than earlier vintages.

Our 2012 Old Vine Carignane is our fifth release from this special vineyard. We allowed 23 months of aging in fine oak barrels.

This wine will develop for many years in the bottle. Drink 2015 – 2020.

Harvest:	September 18 th
Bottled	August 18th
Acid	.77TA 3.35pH
Alcohol	14.8%
Release	142 cases

"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 unfinned 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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