

# TOUCAN WINES

## 2012 Reserve Cuvee

*230 cases produced*

### **2012 in the vineyard**

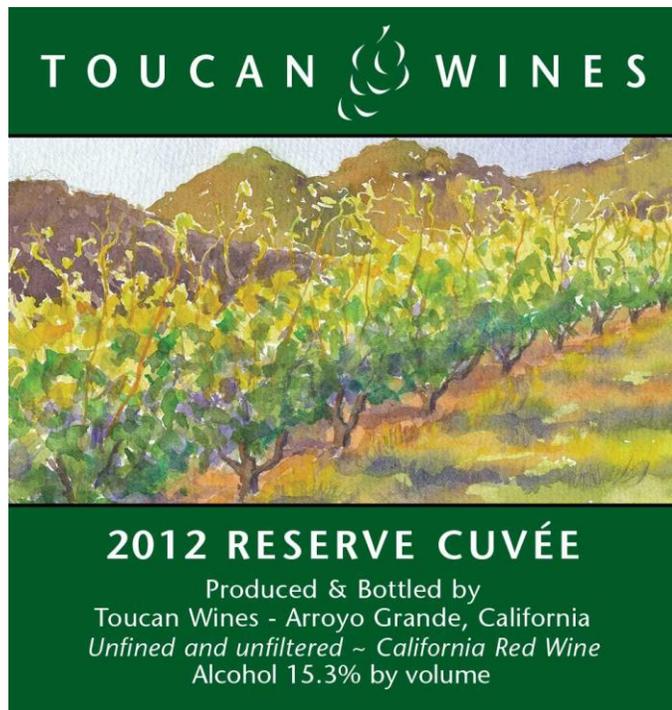
Our 2012 Reserve Cuvee is blend of our Estate Zinfandel, Old Vine Carignane, and Estate Petite Sirah. I held back, or reserved, the majority of our Estate Zinfandel in 2012 as the backbone for this blend. I added Old Vine Carignane, from the Evangelho Vineyard, and Estate Petite Sirah until I felt we had found a perfect balance. The blend rested in a combination of American (Virginia), French, and Hungarian barrels (40% new) for 26 months before bottling.

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. In 2012, our Estate Zinfandel and Estate Petite Sirah were harvested between Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> and October 7<sup>th</sup>, the Old Vine Carignane was harvested from the 120+ year old Evangelho vineyard on Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>.

Our 2012 is our third Cuvee release. Our first release of this blend was from 2006 and called the Toucan Cuvee, and the second was a Club release from 2008 called Redemption. This third Cuvee is named Reserve Cuvee to mark the fact that we committed the majority of our stellar 2012 production to this one bottling. The 2012 Reserve Cuvee also sports a new label, a watercolor of our estate vineyard and surrounding hills painted by our friend Margareta Lund.

Our 2012 Reserve Cuvee is the perfect blend, balanced with complex fruit, and another of our wines that work perfectly with food. Bigger, richer, and more complex than our 2006 Cuvee and less fruit forward than our 2008 Redemption, this wine will develop for many years in the bottle. Drink 2015 - 2022

Harvest: Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>  
Bottled: November, 2014  
Acid: .8TA 3.31pH  
Alcohol: 15.3%  
Release: 230 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 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-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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