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2006 Paso Robles ‘westside’ zinfandel

VARIETAL(S): 100% zinfandel

APPELLATION: 100% Paso Robles

VINEYARD(S): Cushman, Rancho Santa Margarita

BRIX AT HARVEST: ~24.8

PH: 3.47

TA: 6.45 g/L

ALCOHOL: 14.8%

COOPERAGE: 25% new oak, French & American, barrel aged for 10 months

FERMENTATION: 100% destemmed, with as many whole berries as possible, into 1-ton open top fermentors, punched down by hand 2-3 times per day. Pressed at dryness, settled, then racked to barrel. The yeast used was a commercial strain isolated from the Brunello region of Italy (BM-45).

PRODUCTION: 1100 cases

RECOMMENDED RETAIL: \$24.00

WINEMAKER’S COMMENTS: A fruit-forward zinfandel, made from a blend of several Paso vineyards (all cooler climate; yielding more red fruit flavors and slightly brighter acidity).

TASTING NOTES: Sweet, bright red fruit and spice in the nose (almost candied), with the same candied fruits and some spice on the palate. Full-flavored but not heavy, the wine has light tannins, and it’s acidity and intensity of fruit support the medium-long finish. Not port-like or overdone, but a “fruit-forward” zinfandel that manages to maintain a bit of elegance as well.