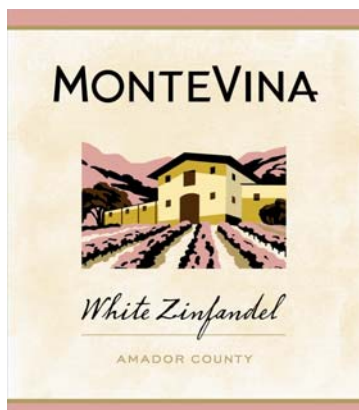


MONTEVINA WINERY

WHITE ZINFANDEL

2006



WINE INFORMATION

Alcohol: 10.8%

T.A.: .68g/100ml

Ph: 3.15

Residual Sugar: 2.6g/100ml

Cases: 30,000

Release Date: April 2007

VINEYARD & VARIETAL INFORMATION

Montevina's vineyards may be full of red grapes but not if you look through rose colored glasses. Perhaps it was rose colored glasses that inspired Bob Trinchero to make White Zinfandel from Amador County grapes in 1973. As with most noble red wine grapes, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot in Bordeaux, Garnacha in Spain, Cabernet Franc and Pinot Noir in Loire, and list goes on; Amador County Zinfandel makes impressive red and rosé wines. The rich intense berry fruit flavors and aromas create a truly regal rosé. Montevina 2006 White Zinfandel is sourced from the same vineyards that produce Montevina's robust red zinfandels. You might ask how can two very different styles be cut from the same cloth? It's all in the timing.

WINEMAKING

Zinfandel grapes facing a rosy future get different parenting in the cellar. The white zinfandel fruit is the first to come into the winery and is fermented and put to bed in stainless steel tanks before the red wine grapes are ready to pick. The less mature fruit is lighter in color, higher in acidity and lower in sugar...perfect for pink. Upon arrival at the winery, the grapes were gently roller-crushed and pressed to minimize color and tannin extraction. The juice was fermented at a cool 55 degrees for two weeks to retain fermentation aromas. Fermented to dryness, the wine was amended with a vin muté (a small amount of unfermented grape juice) to balance its low pH and brisk acidity with a small degree of residual sugar. The wine is kept cold in stainless steel tanks and filtered just before bottling to preserve freshness.

TASTING NOTES

Montevina's 2006 White Zinfandel boasts bright salmon hue. Aromas of strawberries and honeydew prance out of the glass and couple up juicy peach and watermelon flavors to dance on your tongue. A touch of sweetness balanced with bright acidity makes this a food-friendly delightful rosé. Our Montevina 2006 White Zinfandel is a perfect complement to spicy Asian and Cajun inspired dishes and sweet tangy barbeque chicken and ribs.

