

Renwood Amador Ice

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The aroma of our 2006 "Amador Ice" Zinfandel is laden with cherry Popsicle, rainbow sherbert and fresh strawberry. The flavors are rich, complex, balanced and lush. The pressing of the frozen grapes also preserves good acidity to balance the overt sweetness allows the finish to linger. A touch of Muscat and a hint of Viognier were added to round out the exotic aromas. One of the most unique dessert wines in the world. Enjoy this wine as an aperitif, or at the conclusion of a memorable meal with your favorite dessert.

VINTAGE

The growing season of 2006 was about as average as a California year could possibly be. Normal levels of rainfall, not too hot or too cold, the usual hot spell in mid summer and blessedly no rain at harvest. The fruit was harvested from our Veauta Ranch in perfect condition.

FERMENTATION AND AGING

The Amador Ice Zinfandel is the result of a vision Robert Smerling, Founder and Chairman, had when he started Renwood in 1993. We harvest the fruit once the sugar levels are over 27 degrees Brix. Just after harvest the fruit is cryogenically suspended (frozen). The fruit is then pressed while frozen in our bladder press resulting in very concentrated (usually over 40 degrees brix) Zinfandel "syrup" that is racked to tank and inoculated using a select isolated yeast strain durable enough to handle very cold fermentation temperatures and high levels of sugar. The wine will finish fermentation with a residual sugar in the mid 20% range. The result is a unique dessert wine that is the essence of Zinfandel.



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Technical Data:

2006 Amador Ice



<i>Appellation:</i>	<i>Amador County</i>
<i>Varietal:</i>	<i>93% Zinfandel 5% Muscat 2% Viognier</i>
<i>Final pH:</i>	<i>3.19</i>
<i>Total Acid:</i>	<i>0.76 g/100 ml</i>
<i>Alcohol:</i>	<i>10.0%</i>
<i>Bottled:</i>	<i>March 2007</i>
<i>Suggested Retail Price:</i>	<i>\$34.95</i>



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