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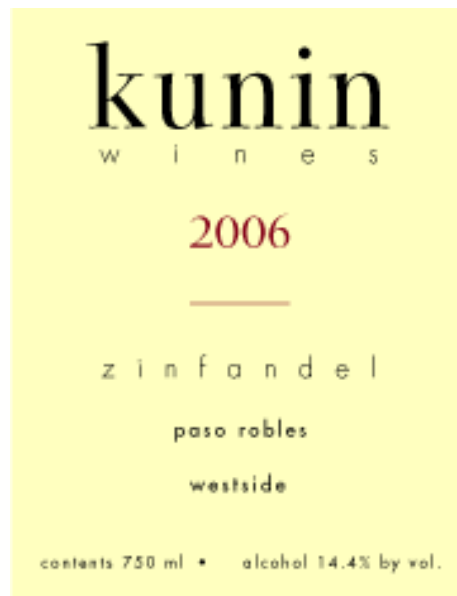
"Seth Kunin's winemaking style offers the elegance and complexity found in top-class French wines, as well as the sweet, ripe, tasty fruit the better California offerings routinely possess" . . . Robert Parker

2006 KUNIN WINES „Westside“, Zinfandel, Paso Robles

Sweet, dark red fruit and spice in the nose, with the same, jammy fruits and plenty of spice on the palate. Full-bodied but not heavy, the wine has moderate tannin structure. Good acidity and intensity of fruit lead to a medium-long finish. Not port-like or overdone, but a "big" zinfandel that carries its weight and finishes cleanly.

Varietal Composition: Zinfandel 100%

Alcohol: 14.4%



Zinfandel was the first varietal Seth Kunin ever made wine from—first as a hobbyist while running Santa Barbara's Wine Cask restaurant, then in 1998 as the first Kunin Wines commercial release. Kunin describes his love affair with zinfandel this way, "I love zinfandel for its in-your-face fruit and spice. What I don't love is the current trend towards huge, high-alcohol, slightly sweet zinfandels that taste like Port and are almost impossible to drink over dinner. They are heavy and age awkwardly. I aim for all the jammy fruit and spice that makes zinfandel so much fun, but without the cumbersome alcohol and residual sugar." So while you don't often find the words "elegant" and "zinfandel" in the same sentence, that's the best way to describe Kunin's Westside Zinfandel. Made from fruit sourced from multiple cool-climate sites in and around Paso Robles, where the climate is warm enough to ripen the fruit, but cool enough to maintain some natural acidity. Flavors stay on the bright red fruit end of the spectrum, with the 2006 tasting almost candied. Delicious!

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