

CONNOISSERURS' GUIDE

✿ **90 PEACHY CANYON WINERY Zinfandel Old School House Paso Robles 2006** This very well-constructed, medium-full-bodied Zin features fully ripened blackberry aromas that steer to fruity side of the varietal spectrum, and that mannerly approach continues in flavors that demonstrate plenty of depth to go along with both good, but not intrusive, tannic structure and firming latter-palate acidity. Drinkable now with savory pork roasts and pastas in red sauces, it can age a bit as well.



✿ **90 PEACHY CANYON WINERY Zinfandel Bfd Paso Robles 2006** This blend of wines from Mustangs Springs and Snow Vineyard has come out better than either separately. There is plenty of the concentrated ripeness that so often dominates in Peachy Canyon Zins yet it comes with an extra measure of spice that helps fill it out and makes it a good example of the dramatic depth that is possible with the grape.



✿ **89 PEACHY CANYON WINERY Zinfandel Especial Paso Robles 2006** Very much part of the Peachy Canyon approach in this vintage, Especial presents a mix of concentration and restraint, and while it is very good wine indeed, we are slightly partial to the wines above which seem to be more clearly in one camp or the other rather than having feet in both camps. The tannins are also on the upper end of the range, and this one has seemingly the best potential for bottle age. It is grown in a selected portion of the Mustang Springs Vineyard.



✿ **89 PEACHY CANYON WINERY Zinfandel Mustang Springs Paso Robles 2006** High in ripeness and high in extract, this full-bodied, fleshy wine is the most concentrated of the Peachy Canyon bunch but is also somewhat less focused on fruit than the wines above. Its depth and length on the palate earn it high commendation, however, fans of concentrated Zins who also insist on a fair dollop of fruit will find lots to like here.



✿ **87 PEACHY CANYON WINERY Zinfandel Snow Vineyard Paso Robles 2006** Lower in our rankings than its mates above, this is a full and rustic offering whose complex mix of sandalwood, slightly dried berries and a touch of toasty oak start it off well but tend towards a touch of dryness on the palate. It is rich and fairly deep but is tannic without the fruit to support long-aging and needs to be enjoyed in its bold youth.



84 PEACHY CANYON WINERY Zinfandel The Vortex Paso Robles 2006 Drier yet and vaguely pointed in its stab at berryish aromas, this wine is the least inviting of the Peachy Canyon entries and is the only one that falls way off track. It is hotter than the preceding three wines despite being lower in alcohol, and it ends with less fruit than those worthies.



