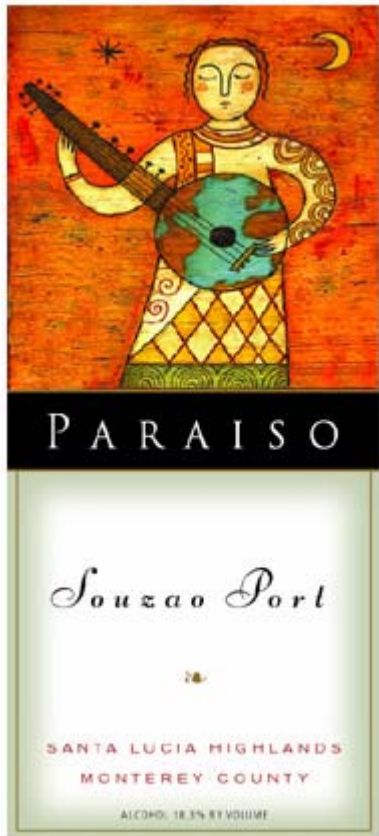


SOUZAO PORT



Winemaker's Notes

Souzao, a varietal traditionally grown in the Douro Valley of Portugal, is famous for its intense color and vibrant fruit character. For this very limited release, Rich and Jason Smith harvested grapes from the Paraiso estate's three acres of Souzao plantings. This rare bottling artfully combines wines from four different vintages.

After extensive skin contact and extraction, the wine had fermentation arrested by fortification with brandy; the resulting 18% alcohol perfectly balances the 8% residual sweetness. Winemaker David Fleming transferred the port to a proprietary combination of French and American oak barrels for almost two years ageing prior to bottling.

This Souzao Port exhibits black cherry and blackberry aromas and flavors; a rich chocolate character is wrapped around a supple core of warm vanillin-oak. Rich, intense and luscious – a dessert wine for pairing to dark chocolate or traditional blue-veined cheeses. Normally available only to visitors to the Paraiso Tasting Room, it should age beautifully for years to come.

Artist Series – Limited Release

front label illustration is from the painting
“Guitar Man” by artist Stefano Vitale

Growers:	Rich and Jason Smith
Winemaker:	David Fleming
Appellation:	Santa Lucia Highlands
Production:	599 Cases (.375L)
Alcohol:	18.5%
TA:	5.9g/L
pH:	3.60
RS:	8.0%
Winery Retail	\$25



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