



2007 Vin do Iberica

Lodi & Napa
A California Red Wine

Retail \$32.00

The 2007 *Vin do Iberica* is a *mélange*, composed of many varieties of *Portuguese* grapes. The blending of this wine proved to be quite challenging: even small changes in the ratio between the different Portuguese varieties resulted in a wine of completely different character. After 25 trials, we felt that this particular blend held the most promise of longevity, bouquet, mouth-feel and adaptability.

The name *Iberica* honors both the Spanish and Portuguese name for their beautiful Mediterranean/Atlantic peninsula, bathed in bright southern light and having fairly dry weather throughout the growing season. These conditions are notably parallel to the Lodi area – which not too surprisingly is the seat of *Iberian* type grapes in California.

Tannins are moderate, giving belief that *Vin do Iberica* will age for a moderate amount of time in the cellar, but is definitely “ready today” as well..

Cases Produced	88
Primary Oak	American
Secondary Oak	American
Alcohol	13.4%

Irish Monkey Cellars was bonded in 2006 by Loreta and Bob Lynch (winemaker). The organoleptic profile of the wines is more toward the fruity, clean and true-to-varietal than toward the heavier style prevalent today. Bob recalls many exemplary wines of both France and Italy that exhibit the same fruit-forward, concentrated flavors that use oak only as a breath of complexity, not “the whole show”. We hope you enjoy our wines, and we invite you to visit our winery at www.irishmonkey.net.