

Fred Peterson's Vintaged View

In the 90's, we bottled a Rhone-inspired blend that we called "Vignobles," the French word for vines/vineyards. This is our second vintage since Vignobles' resurrection, and we are extremely pleased with the results.

With 55% of the blend being Petite Sirah, the 2008 Vignobles is a wine for those that crave big and juicy. The addition of 15% each Carignane, Zinfandel and Syrah enhances the spiciness and complexity, but does very little to diminish the overwhelming Petite Sirah-ness of the wine.

Definitely not a wine for those seeking subtlety or nuance, but perfect for those occasions that call for the wine to do most of the talking.

Primary Vineyard

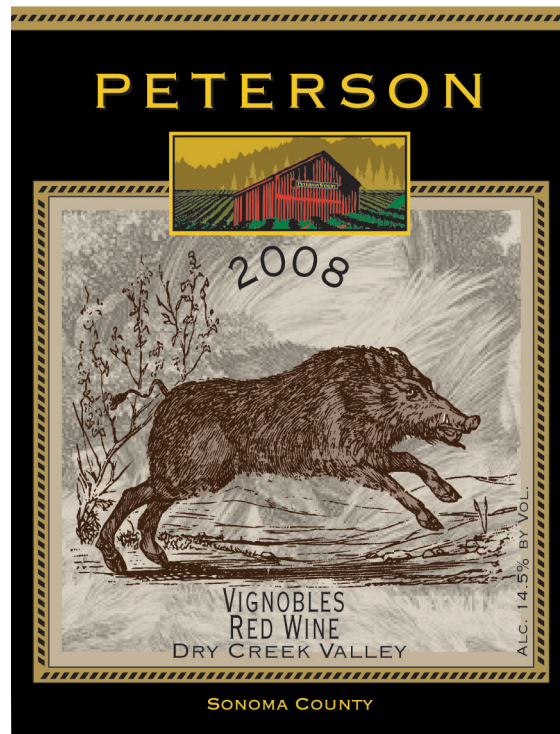
West Vineyard is an 80-year-old dry-farmed, head-trained vineyard on a hillside in the southeast corner of Dry Creek Valley. This vineyard provides grapes for other Peterson wines, most notably our Tradizionale Zinfandel. When we tasted the 2008 Petite Sirah grapes from West Vineyard, we knew they would be a perfect fit for our robust-styled Vignobles.

Tasting Notes

Enticing deep-set aromas offer up dark mixed berries, toasty oak notes and a blend of earth, leather and mineral essence. Deliciously balanced with a robust, inky mouthfeel, slightly chewy tannins and rich, intense flavors that provide an abundant taste sensation. Concentrated spicy berry—blackberry, cherry and blueberry—mix with creamy dark chocolate with a hint of strawberry, which coalesce into a big and broad finish. This powerful, full-flavored wine is remarkably approachable now, and will mellow with additional bottle aging. Try it with slow-smoked meats, tomato-based pasta dishes or a big hunk of chocolate fudge cake with a luscious berry sauce.

2008 VIGNOBLES

DRY CREEK VALLEY



Technical Data

<u>Varietal</u>	<u>Vineyard</u>	<u>Harvest Date</u>
55% Petite Sirah	West Vineyard	Sept. 17, 2008
15% Carignane	Forchini Vineyard	Sept. 6 & 11, 2008
15% Syrah	Olson Vineyard	Sept. 30, 2008
15% Zinfandel	Borkow Vineyard	Sept. 1 & 11, 2008
Appellation:	Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County	
Alcohol:	14.5%	
pH:	3.69	
TA:	0.68g/100ml	
Barrel Aging:	22 months	
Type of Oak:	55% new American oak barrels, 15% new Hungarian oak barrels, 30% 4-7-year-old neutral French and American oak barrels	
Bottling Date:	August 11, 2010 (unfined & unfiltered)	
Production:	175 cases	
Release Date:	May 2011	