



Zinyard Notes

Why call it a Zinyard? Originally Paul and Yael Bernier planted only Zinfandel on the hillside behind their house off of Canyon Road in northern Dry Creek Valley. Like many of the early Italian immigrant growers, they planted a small block of Petite Sirah alongside the Zin.

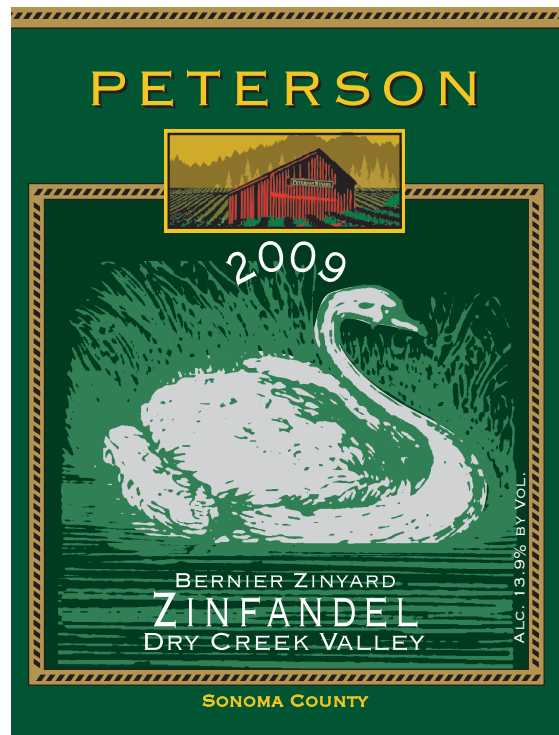
Although the Zinfandel vines were planted in 1990, the Bernier Zinyard makes old-time growers feel they are walking into the past when they stroll among the vines. It is a traditional dry-farmed, head-trained (non-trellised) vineyard with Italo Sbragio's old clone Zin grafted on to St. George rootstock. That combination embodies the very roots of Dry Creek Valley viticulture and reflects Peterson Winery's values of savoring and embracing time-honored traditions.

Technical Data

Composition: 100% Bernier Zinyard
Varietal Breakdown: *Harvest Dates:*
90% Zinfandel Sept. 20, 2009
10% Petite Sirah Sept. 10, 2009

Appellation: Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County
Alcohol: 13.9%
pH: 3.71
TA: 0.64g/100ml
Cooperage: 17 months
Types of Oak: 10% new American oak barrels,
90% 4-8 year-old French oak barrels
Bottling Date: March 9, 2011
(unfined & unfiltered)
Production: 225 cases
Release Date: October 2011

2009 ZINFANDEL BERNIER ZINYARD DRY CREEK VALLEY



Tasting Notes

Since we produce several Zins, we offer a range of styles and flavor profiles for Zin lovers. Our Bernier Zin we refer to as the Pinot-lover's Zin, with its understated aromas and nuanced flavors. Aromatics of subtle blackberry, spicy plum and a mineral essence are tightly wound, but loosen when allowed to breathe. Elegant and integrated, the palate offers soft dark tones with rich plum and dark cherry at the core. The lingering finish reveals cola, black pepper, mixed berries and a touch of mocha.

Try this smooth number with chicken breasts and veggies tossed with pasta, fresh herbs and olive oil, or grilled duck.