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2005 *IL GRANAIO* SANGIOVESE DRY CREEK VALLEY

Technical Data:

Composition:

Varietal Breakdown:	Harvest Dates:
86% Sangiovese	Sept. 29, 2005
14% Cabernet Sauvignon	Oct. 19, 2005

Appellation:	Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County
Alcohol:	15.0%
pH:	3.42
TA:	0.69g/100ml
Barrel Aging:	22 months
Type of Oak:	14% new French oak barrels 86% 3-6 year-old French oak barrels
Bottling Date:	July 5, 2007
Production:	175 cases
Release Date:	February 2009

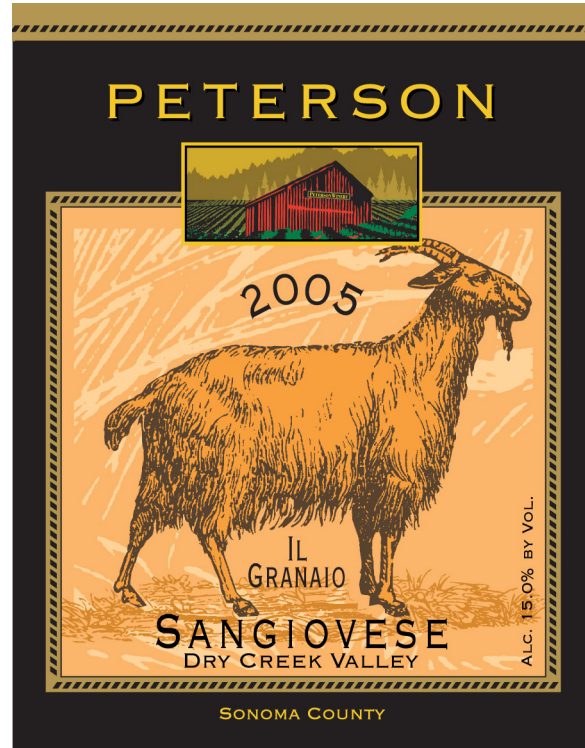
Vineyards:

Teldeschi Vineyard

In the early 1990's, long time Dry Creek Valley grapegrower Ray Teldeschi got Sangiovese budwood from me off Norton Ranch. Ray planted the vines on his "Home Ranch", which is next door to our winery on the eastern Dry Creek bench. Sitting above the valley floor with a Southwest exposure, this vineyard site is perfectly suited for the finicky Sangiovese grape.

Bradford Mountain Vineyard

Planted in the 1980s on the western edge of Dry Creek Valley, our Bradford Mountain Estate Vineyard is 32 acres on the very top of the mountain (elevation 1000 feet). We took great pains to find the proper varieties and clones to plant in the mineral-rich mountain soil. The well-drained, red-clay soil, combined with sunny days and cool nights, produces small, intensely flavored Cabernet grapes with a higher acidity and a lower pH than valley fruit. These grapes are picked at a higher brix (sugar level) to achieve the perfect balance for exceptional wines.



Tasting Notes:

Bright cherry and subtle earth tones mingle with spicy vanillin oak aromas. The wealth of flavors—dried cherry, blackberry, blueberry, cranberry, chocolate, coffee and a touch of citrus and mineral essence—layer around the spicy berry core. The soft tannins complement the refreshing acid to create an ideal balance. For a memorable dining experience, pour this wine for your dinner guests and you'll know why Italians say Sangiovese is the perfect food wine.