

PETERSON WINERY



DRY CREEK VALLEY

2001 PETITE SIRAH DRY CREEK VALLEY

Technical Data:

Composition: 100% Norton Ranch, Dry Creek Valley

<i>Varietal Breakdown:</i>	<i>Harvest Dates:</i>
76% Petite Sirah	Aug. 30, 2001
12% Mourvedre	Oct. 3, 2001
10% Carignane	Sept. 9, 2001
2% Zinfandel	Sept. 5, 2001

Appellation: Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County

Alcohol: 13.6%

pH: 3.72

TA: 0.58g/100ml

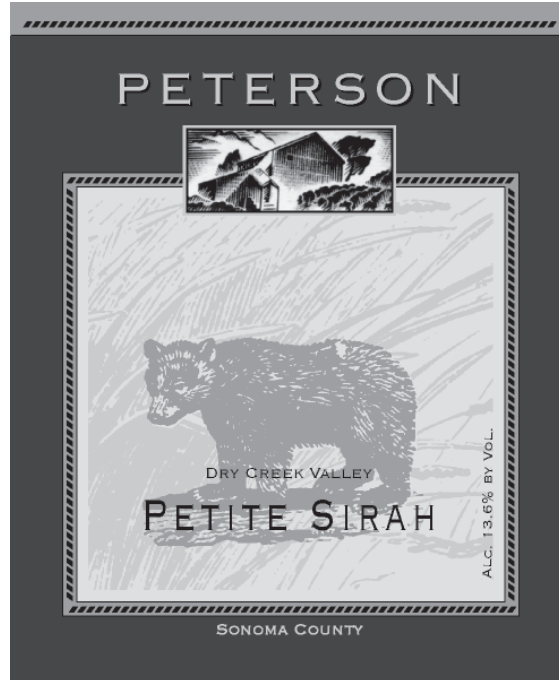
Barrel Aging: 20 months

Type of Oak: 75% new American oak
25% older French oak

Bottling Date: May 29, 2003

Production: 247 cases

Release Date: November 2004



Tasting Notes:

This Petite is built like a Mack truck and has a definite “don’t mess with me” attitude. Toasty oak wraps around more subtle aromas of richly ripened fruit, mocha and earth. These same qualities are reflected in the flavors—ripe dark fruit, French roast coffee and cocoa blend with hints of earth and tar. The foundation of oak, tannins and lively acid create an intense and robust wine that softens a bit with airing, producing a luscious, smooth wine with a dynamic finish.

Vineyard:

The Norton Ranch Estate vineyard sits a little above the valley floor on the benchland of Dry Creek Valley. The soil at Norton Ranch has a larger percentage of clay and gravel resulting in lower yields of intensely flavored and balanced fruit.

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