

PETERSON WINERY



DRY CREEK VALLEY

2002 PETITE SIRAH DRY CREEK VALLEY

Technical Data:

Composition:

<i>Varietal Breakdown</i>	<i>Vineyard</i>	<i>Harvest Dates</i>
75% Petite Sirah	West Vineyard	Sept. 25, 2002
17% Mourvedre	Norton Ranch	Sept. 27, 2002
5% Syrah	Bradford Mtn.	Sept. 21, 2002
2% Zinfandel	West Vineyard	Sept. 20, 2002
1% Carignane	Tollini Vineyard	Oct. 11, 2002

Appellation: Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County

Alcohol: 13.7%

pH: 3.62

TA: 0.62g/100ml

Barrel Aging: 21 months

Type of Oak: 75% new American oak
25% 1-2 older French oak

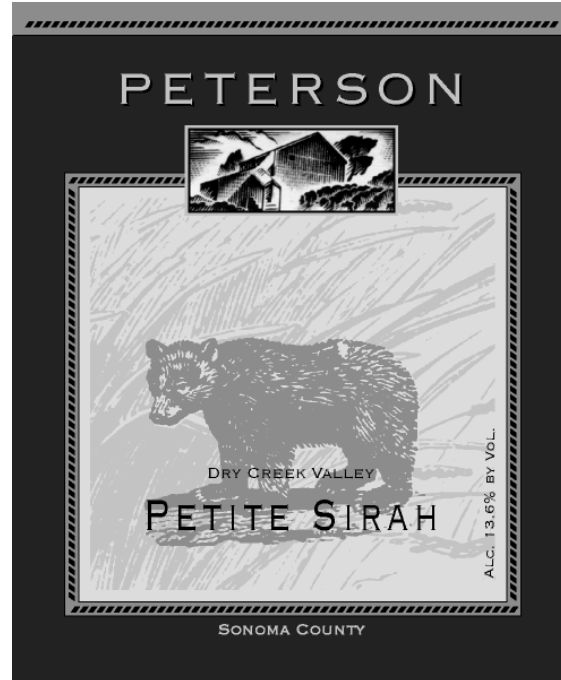
Bottling Date: June 18, 2004

Production: 200 cases

Release Date: April 2006

Tasting Notes:

Our '02 Petite Sirah hits the ground running with robust aromas and flavors that punch on through to the finish. The deep inky color lures you in and the aromas—brambly and spicy, with herbal notes and rustic earthy essence—lead you on. The rich berry and vanilla flavors are framed in a balanced yet powerful structure of tannin, oak and acid. The mid-palate reveals coffee and blackberry followed by a long mocha and fruit-driven finish. This rough-hewn wine deserves a hearty meal or cheese course to show its true merits.



Vineyard:

West Vineyard is an 80-year-old dry-farmed, head trained Zinfandel vineyard that is the source for our Tradizionale Zinfandel. I worked with the grower Tom West on a more recent planting in the vineyard that has become the source of our Petite Sirah, as well as some younger vine Zinfandel for our Dry Creek blend. The West Vineyard sits a little above the valley floor on the benchland of Dry Creek Valley. The soil at the West Vineyard has a larger percentage of clay and gravel resulting in lower yields of intensely flavored and balanced fruit.

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