

2004 PETITE SIRAH

DRY CREEK VALLEY

Fred's (Peterson) Vintaged Views Notes:

Petite Sirah has long been used as a blending grape to enhance the color, tannins and structure of other red varieties. By itself, we find Petite Sirah to be rather monolithic and one-dimensional. Since our first vintage of Petite Sirah in 1994, we've chosen blending other full-flavored wines that complement Petite Sirah, and add complexity, layers of flavors, spice and length.

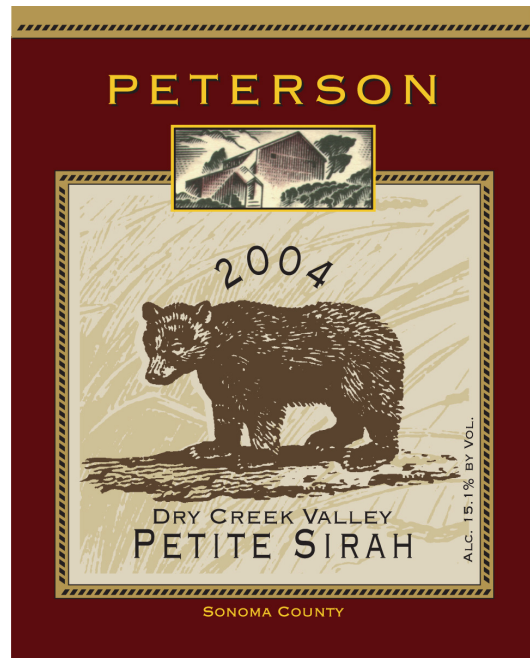
Our 2004 Petite Sirah from the West Vineyard is a big chewy Petite with an added twist. For the twist, we blended in 13% Carignane from the Tollini Vineyard and 11% Mourvèdre from the Norton Ranch. This addition of Carignane and Mourvèdre also help to smooth out some of the tannic edges, creating a seductive velvety mouthfeel in this classic, robust Petite Sirah.

Tasting Notes:

Seductive with its inky rich color, powerful aromas and robust flavors, our '04 Petite Sirah is completely irresistible. The intense aromas of freshly picked, perfectly ripened blackberries blend with hints of cocoa and freshly roasted coffee. The smooth, velvety flavors of concentrated black raspberry and blackberry layer over dark chocolate while hints of coffee and vanilla complete the seduction. This wine tops the danger scale—the danger is running out of it!

Vineyard:

The **West Vineyard** Petite Sirah is a small head-trained block sitting adjacent to Norton Creek in the southern end of Dry Creek Valley. The soil in this block is well-drained gravel resulting in intensely flavored and balanced fruit.



Technical Data:

Composition:

<i>Varietal Breakdown:</i>	<i>Harvest Dates:</i>
76% Petite Sirah	Sept. 13, 2004
13% Carignane	Sept. 27, 2004
11% Mourvèdre	Sept. 10, 2004

Appellation: Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County

Alcohol: 15.1%

pH: 3.72

TA: 0.60g/100ml

Barrel Aging: 19 months

Type of Oak: 76% new American oak barrels
24% 3 to 8-year-old mixed oak barrels

Bottling Date: July 14, 2006

Production: 175 cases

Release Date: April 2008