



### Fred's (Peterson) Vintaged View

Petite Sirah has long been used as a blending grape to enhance the color, tannins and structure of other red varietals. 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 2007 Petite Sirah from the West Vineyard is a big chewy Petite with an added twist. For the twist, we blended in 13% Zinfandel from the Brokow and Bradford Mountain Vineyards, 6% Carignane from Forchini Vineyard and 6% Syrah from the Olson Vineyard. This addition of Zinfandel, Carignane and Syrah also help to smooth out some of the tannic edges, creating a seductive velvety mouthfeel in this classic, robust Petite Sirah.

### Tasting Notes *Warning: Not for the faint of heart.*

Our '07 Petite Sirah is so intense we decided we should start with a warning label. The inky blue-black color, coupled with the intense dark fruit nose wrapped in a mineral essence, should be warning enough of the robust wine that follows.

The focused core of dark, concentrated berry is intertwined with the mineral essence found in the nose. This mineral quality reflects the soil where the grapes are grown, making this an excellent example of a *terroir*-driven wine.

Chewy yet rounded, the flavors are reminiscent of velvet boxing gloves with the smooth, richly intense fruit and the one-two punch of the tightly woven structure. Behind the core linger hints of anise and vanilla with just a touch of floral notes.

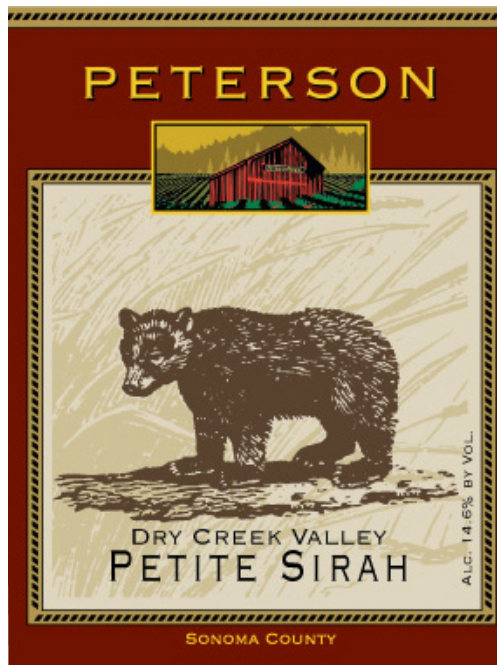
It's tempting to consume now with hearty stews or roasted meats, but those patient enough to cellar it for a year or two, or more, will be rewarded with a full-bodied, rich, mellow Petite Sirah.

### 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.

### 2007 PETITE SIRAH

DRY CREEK VALLEY



### Technical Data

Composition:

Varietal/Vineyard:

75% Petite Sirah - West Vineyard

13% Zinfandel - Borkow & Bradford Mountain Vnyd

6% Carignane - Forchini Vineyard

6% Syrah - Olson Vineyard

Harvest Dates:

Sept. 29, 2007

Aug. 29 & Sept. 3, 2007

Sept. 22, 2007

Oct. 2, 2007

Appellation: Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County

Alcohol: 14.6%

pH: 3.64

TA: 0.63g/100ml

Barrel Aging: 19 months

Type of Oak: 75% new American oak barrels

19% 3 to 4-year-old French oak barrels

6% new Hungarian oak barrels

Bottling Date: July 9, 2009

Production: 200 cases

Release Date: January 2010