

PETERSON WINERY



DRY CREEK VALLEY

2003 ZINFANDEL

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Fred's Vintaged View:

Though all of our Zinfandels are made from Dry Creek Valley grapes, our Dry Creek blend, as we refer to it, is a wine that we hope reflects the overall Dry Creek Valley Zinfandel *terroir*, as opposed to a single-vineyard character. It's also the Zinfandel that contains the highest percentages of blending varieties to give the wine maximum spice and an "in your face" quality.

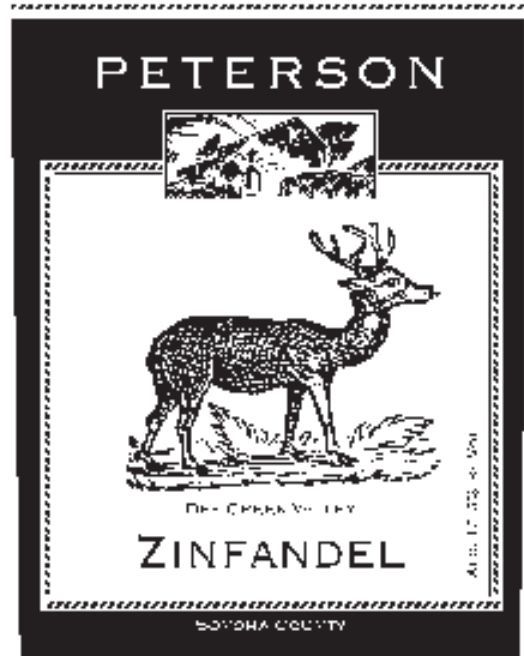
Our 2003 Dry Creek blend is a very food-friendly wine with 13% Carignane in the blend to give the wine more complexity and depth of flavors. Well-balanced with a nice structure of fruit and tannins, this Zinfandel has extra depth and more nuances than the typical high alcohol, "fruit bomb" Zinfandels.

Technical Data:

Composition:

Varietal Breakdown:	Harvest Dates:
87% Zinfandel - Norton Ranch	Sept. 14, 2003
13% Carignane - Tollini Vnyd	Oct. 15, 2003

Appellation:	Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County
Alcohol:	14.6%
pH:	3.70
TA:	0.62g/100ml
Barrel Aging:	21 months
Type of Oak:	85% 2-4 year old French oak barrels 15% new Hungarian oak barrels
Bottling Date:	June 1, 2005
Production:	200 cases
Release Date:	March 2007



Tasting Notes:

Searching for a classic Zinfandel with those unmistakable Dry Creek Valley flavors infused into every drop? Then look no further. Our '03 Dry Creek Valley Zinfandel exhibits those memorable aromas and flavors found in valley-grown Zinfandels. Sweet raspberry aromas mingle with vanilla, cardamon and black pepper. A delicious blend of flavors — including plum, blackberry and raspberry with hints of black pepper and candied strawberries — create layer after layer of tasting pleasure. Well-balanced, with excellent structure, this juicy, food-friendly Zinfandel complements a extensive array of meals and appetizers, and is perfect to just sip as you unwind from your day.

Primary Vineyard:

Norton Ranch Estate

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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