

PETERSON WINERY



DRY CREEK VALLEY

2003 ZINFANDEL *TRADIZIONALE* DRY CREEK VALLEY

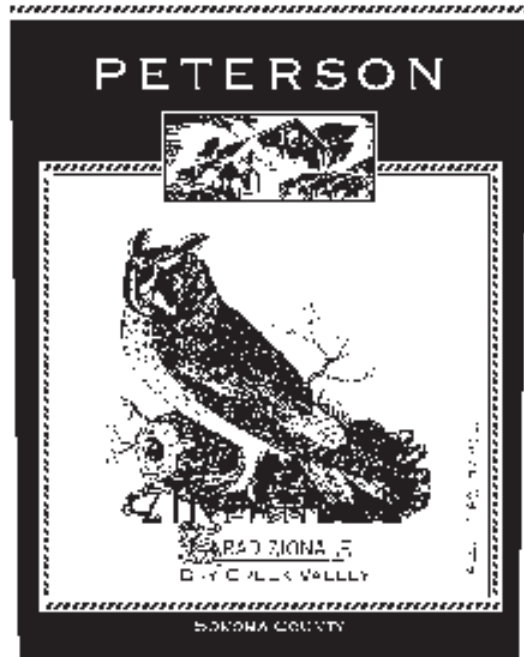
Fred's Vintaged View:

This is the kind of wine that really got me hooked on Zinfandel. A traditional, old-vine field-blend, this wine to me is the classic “raspberry jam” that differentiates the best Dry Creek Valley Zins from all others. Big, but balanced. Fruity, yet elegant. This is a wine that will go with almost any food, but you can also just pull the cork on a bottle and drink it with friends while playing cards or watching a good movie.

The old-vine West Vineyard Zinfandel in this wine was planted in the 1920s during Prohibition. It contains about 3% other red grapes (Petite Sirah, Alicante Bouschet, Carignane and some others I'm not really sure about) as well as 1% white grapes (Semillon, Palomino and Chasselas). All the vines are harvested at the same time and all the various varieties are cofermented, which produces a smoother, fuller wine than separate fermentations and subsequent blending can give you.

Technical Data:

Composition:	97% Zinfandel, 3% Field blend of mixed red (2.5%) and white (0.5%) grapes
Appellation:	Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County
Harvest Dates:	Sept. 13, 2003
Alcohol:	13.8%
pH:	3.44
TA:	0.68g/100ml
Barrel Aging:	22 months
Type of Oak:	86% 1-3 year old French oak barrels, 14% new Hungarian oak barrels
Bottling Date:	July 14, 2005
Production:	175 cases
Release Date:	March 2007



Tasting Notes:

The beauty of this old vine field-blend is the layers of flavors from the mix of grapes in the zinfandel vineyard and the pleasure of experiencing wine the way our ancestors enjoyed it. With a rich purple hue and enticing dark berry aromas, the wine beckons you to sip. Brambly flavors greet your palate then expand into tiers of flavors of plum and huckleberry mingling with threads of vanilla, baking spices, black pepper, eucalyptus and cedar. The velvety mouthfeel enhances the union of these flavors as they broaden across the palate and linger on the finish. Our ancestors would be proud to serve this wine with either their daily fare or a special feast, and you will too.

Vineyard:

West Vineyard is an 80-year-old dry-farmed, head-trained Zinfandel vineyard located on a hillside in the southeast corner of Dry Creek Valley. A traditional field-blend vineyard; a small portion is planted with mixed black varieties such as Petite Sirah, Carignane and Mataro, along with a few white grape varieties.

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