

# PETERSON WINERY



DRY CREEK VALLEY

## 2004 ZINFANDEL TRADIZIONALE DRY CREEK VALLEY

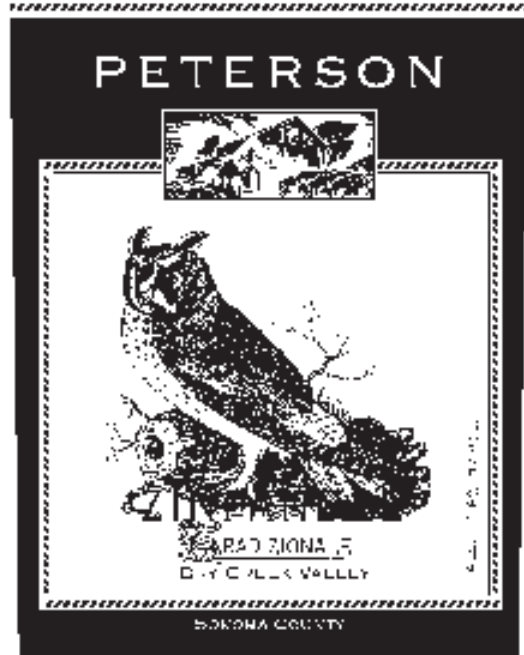
### Fred's Vintaged View:

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:	September 6, 2004
Alcohol:	15.6%
pH:	3.63
TA:	0.63g/100ml
Barrel Aging:	13 months
Type of Oak:	25% new Hungarian oak barrels, 75% 1-4 year old French oak barrels
Bottling Date:	November 10, 2005
Production:	375 cases
Release Date:	January 2007



### Tasting Notes:

Our 2004 Tradizionale captures the beauty of an old-vine field-blend and the essence of the Dry Creek Valley *terroir*. Ripe berry and black pepper aromas and flavors are only the beginning of the cascade of taste sensations. Bright and lively flavors dance across the palate revealing delicious ripe raspberry, plum and blackberry. Black pepper and oak notes initially provide the backdrop. The fruit and spice flavors bond mid-palate to create a spicy yet silky-smooth finish.

### 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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