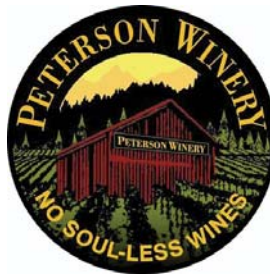


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## 2005 ZINFANDEL

### BRADFORD MOUNTAIN VINEYARD DRY CREEK VALLEY

#### Fred's (Peterson) Vintaged View:

I fell in love with mountain wines and mountain vineyards in 1979 when I first laid eyes on Mount Eden Vineyards in the Santa Cruz Mountains. I carried that devotion to mountain wines with me when I moved up to Dry Creek Valley in 1983 to develop a vineyard and build my house on Bradford Mountain.

The Bradford Mountain Zinfandel comes from a 30+year-old block planted in the early 1970s. With the exception of a few old Carignane vines in the block, it's pretty much all Zinfandel. Unlike the benchland Zins, the mountain Zin has a peppery quality and more black fruit character (think wild blackberry).

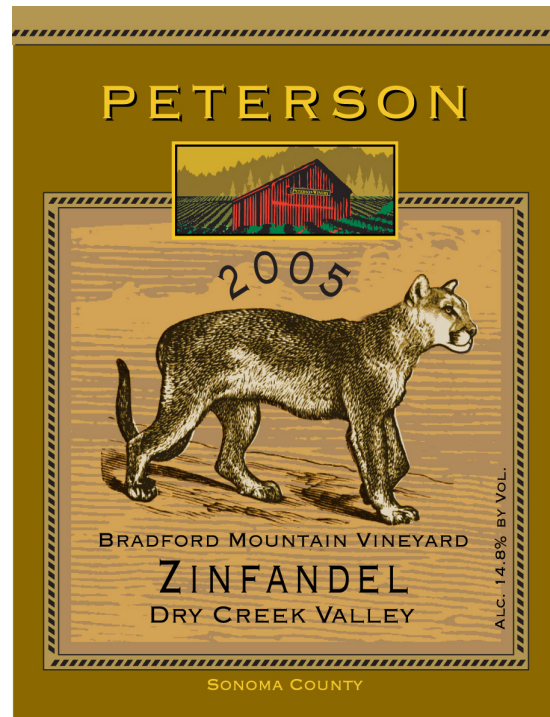
I'm fond of saying that this is wine with incredible Zin fruit on the palate and a structure like a great cabernet. Though few Zinfandels can stand up to more than a decade of bottle aging, this is certainly one of them and will reward those folks with the proper storage and patience to lay it down.

#### Tasting Notes:

This wine bolts out of the chute like a Brahma bull. Intense spicy black pepper and lush blackberry fruit aromas emerge against a vanillin oak and mineral background. Seductive flavors burst on the palate—spicy rich blackberry, white pepper and the ever-present mineral essence threads through to the lingering finish. Integration of fruit, oak and tannins make this wine a great cellar candidate, yet it may be tough to restrain yourself from drinking it now.

#### Vineyard:

Bradford Mountain Estate Vineyard, on the western edge of the Dry Creek Valley is where Fred and Kathleen live and raised their children, and where Fred planted his first vineyard in Dry Creek in 1983. The vineyard is located just south of Bradford Peak at 1,000 ft. elevation with the perfect southwest exposure. Great pains were taken to search for the proper varietals and clones to plant in the mineral-rich mountain soil. Well-drained, red-clay soil, combined with sunny days and cool nights produce small, intensely flavored grapes with a higher acidity and a lower pH than valley fruit. These grapes are picked at a higher sugar to achieve the perfect balance for exceptional wines.



#### Technical Data:

Composition:	100% Zinfandel
Appellation:	Bradford Mountain Vineyard, Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County
Harvest Date:	September 26, 2005
Alcohol:	14.8%
pH:	3.50
TA:	0.65g/100ml
Barrel Aging:	21 months
Type of Oak:	20% new French oak barrels 20% new Hungarian oak barrels 60% 3-5 year-old French oak barrels
Bottling Date:	July 20, 2007 (unfined & unfiltered)
Production:	410 cases/15 cases (1.5L Magnums)
Release Date:	December 2008