



2006 ZINFANDEL *TRADIZIONALE*

WEST VINEYARD DRY CREEK VALLEY

Fred's (Peterson) Vintaged View:

This is the kind of wine that really got me hooked on Dry Creek Valley Zinfandels. 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.

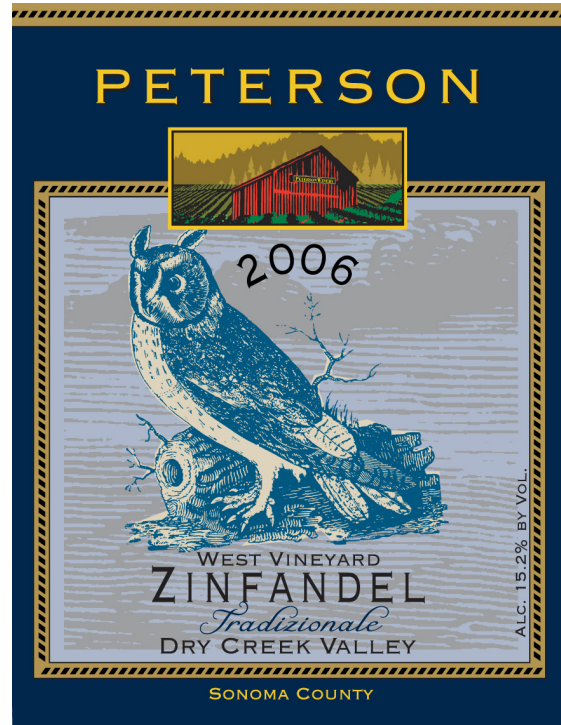
Tasting Notes:

A field blend means the grape varieties are interplanted within the vineyard, or even within a row of vines. The grapes are picked, crushed and fermented together, allowing all the flavors to marry from the very first moment the wine is made. The result of this early union is abundant, lush aromas and flavors.

Our '06 Tradizionale Zinfandel greets you with ripe fruit aromas of blackberry and plum dusted with white and black pepper and baking spices. The smooth texture and enticing flavors layer over the palate—ripe plum, juicy blackberry, lightly roasted coffee, dark cocoa and cedar notes with hints of cinnamon and cloves. Bright acidity, softening tannins and vanillin oak balance nicely against the delicious fruit to create this classic Zin that goes down easy.

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.



Technical Data:

Composition:	97% Zinfandel, 3% Field blend of mixed red (2.5%) and white (0.5%) grapes
Appellation:	West Vineyard, Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County
Harvest Dates:	October 2, 2006
Alcohol:	15.2%
pH:	3.46
TA:	0.67g/100ml
Barrel Aging:	19 months
Type of Oak:	25% new Hungarian oak barrels, 75% 2-5 year-old French oak barrels
Bottling Date:	May 13, 2008
Production:	200 cases
Release Date:	June 2009

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