



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.

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 Mourvedre, along with a few white grape varieties.

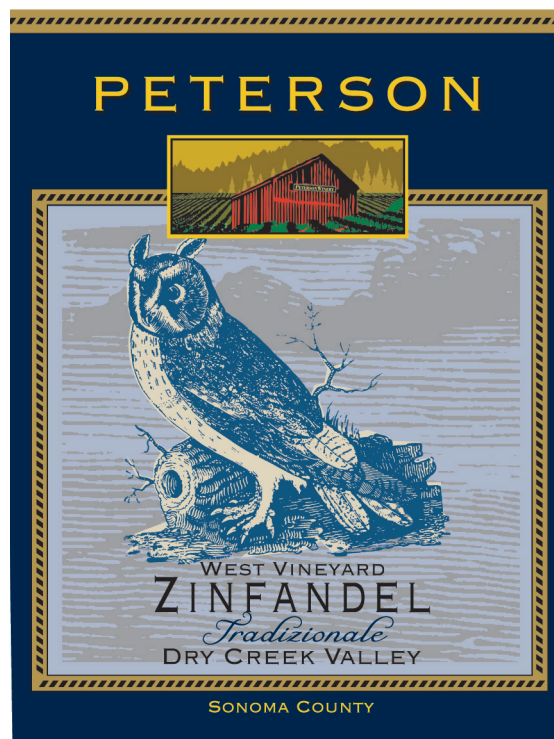
Tasting Notes

Intense, rich aromas offer spicy ripe mixed berries with layers of vanillin oak and a dusting of black and white pepper. The luxurious texture reveals perfectly integrated components—the tannin and oak structure are seamlessly melded with lush concentrated flavors. Delicious plum, blackberry, mocha, vanilla and spicy yet subtle pepper fill the palate. A hint of strawberry joins in as the flavors expand and linger in the finish.

Enticing and versatile, this Zin is bound to find its way to many a meal, easily pairing with a wide range of cuisines. From smoked chicken and wild mushroom risotto to barbecued ribs to eggplant Parmesan, Tradizionale Zin complements them all, and more.

2009 ZINFANDEL *TRADIZIONALE*

WEST VINEYARD - DRY CREEK VALLEY



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 Date:	September 13
Alcohol:	14.9%
pH:	3.49
TA:	0.76g/100ml
Barrel Aging:	19 months
Type of Oak:	50% new Hungarian oak barrels, 50% 3-6 year-old neutral oak barrels
Bottling Date:	May 25, 2011 (unfined & unfiltered)
Production:	200 cases
Release Date:	January 2012