

PETERSON WINERY



1998 AGRARIA

BIG BARN RED

BRADFORD MOUNTAIN VINEYARD, DRY CREEK VALLEY

Technical Data:

Composition: 100% Bradford Mountain Vineyard

<i>Varietal Breakdown:</i>	<i>Harvest Dates:</i>
55% Cabernet Franc	Oct. 20, 1998
23% Merlot	Oct. 9 & 15, 1998
17% Cabernet Sauvignon	Oct. 7 & 25, 1998
5% Petit Verdot	Oct. 25, 1998

Appellation: Bradford Mountain
Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County

Alcohol: 13.8%

pH: 3.48

TA: 0.68g/100ml

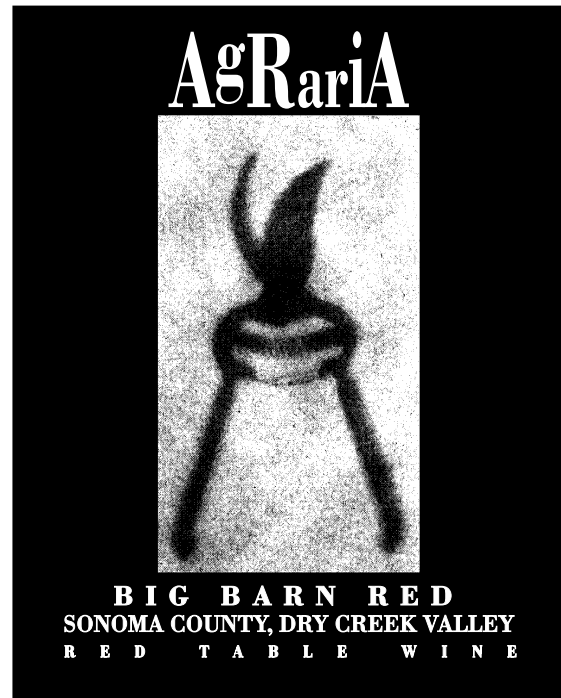
Barrel Aging: 21 months

Type of Oak: 60% new French oak
40% 1-2 yr-old French oak

Bottling Date: July 19, 2000

Production: 248 cases

Release Date: December 2002



Tasting Notes:

The unique terroir of Bradford Mountain produces extraordinary fruit. Our 1998 Agraria reflects the depth of aromas and flavors possible from this distinctive microclimate.

Subtle aromas of ripe dark-skinned fruit mingle with the scent of a well-seasoned cigar box. Exhibiting concentrated flavors of dusty cedar, richly ripened fruit and overtones of sweet oak, this complex wine also reveals hints of mocha, eucalyptus and exotic baking spices. A wine to be enjoyed now or for many years to come.

Vineyard:

Bradford Mountain Estate Vineyard, on the western edge of Dry Creek Valley, is 32 acres on the very top of the mountain (elevation 1000 feet) planted in the 1980s. 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.