

# PETERSON WINERY

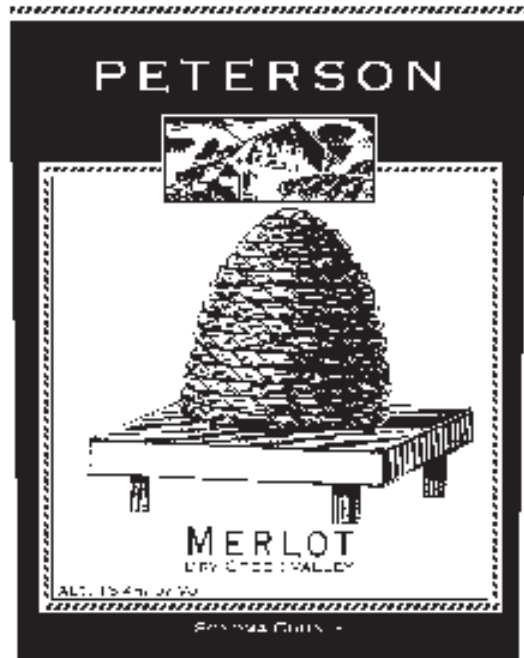


DRY CREEK VALLEY

## 2002 MERLOT DRY CREEK VALLEY

### Technical Data:

Composition:	100% Bradford Mountain
<i>Varietal Breakdown:</i>	<i>Harvest Dates:</i>
76% Merlot	Sept. 24, 2002
19% Cabernet Franc	Sept. 24, 2002
9% Cabernet Sauvignon	Oct. 1, 2002
Appellation:	Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County Bradford Mountain Vineyard
Alcohol:	13.9%
pH:	3.36
TA:	0.72g/100ml
Barrel Aging:	20 months
Type of Oak:	50% new French oak 50% 1-2-year-old French oak
Bottling Date:	June 25, 2004
Production:	150 cases
Release Date:	December 2006



### Tasting Notes:

Enticing rich aromas of ripe cherries and cocoa mingle with hints of exotic spices. A velvety mouthfeel reveals spicy fruit, silky tannins and vanillin oak. Luscious cherry and dark chocolate flavors flow through to the finish.

Our 2002 Merlot is a wonderful dinner companion, excellent company with a good book, or a pleasure to sip while gathering with friends.

### 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.

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