

# PETERSON WINERY

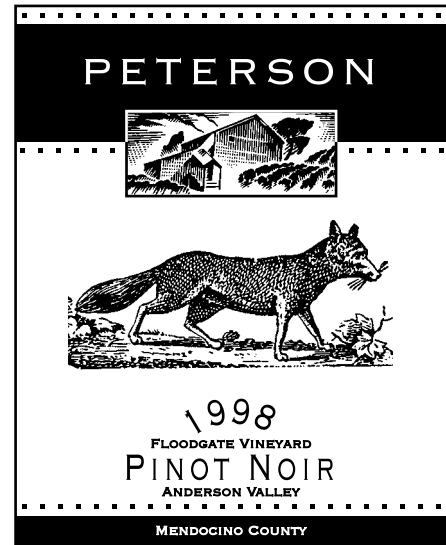


## 1998 PINOT NOIR

FLOODGATE VINEYARD  
ANDERSON VALLEY, MENDOCINO COUNTY

### Technical Data:

Composition: 100% Pinot Noir, Floodgate Vineyard  
Appellation: Anderson Valley, Mendocino County  
Harvest Dates: October 8, 1998  
Alcohol: 13.2%  
pH: 3.44  
TA: 0.71g/100ml  
Barrel Aging: 21 months  
Type of Oak: 50% new French oak  
50% 1-2 yr-old French oak  
Bottling Date: July 11, 2000  
Production: 293 cases (750 ml) / 49 cases (375 ml)  
Release Date: August 2002



### Tasting Notes:

Our Pinot Noir comes from the renowned Floodgate Vineyard in Anderson Valley. The terroir and hand-selected clones allow the fruit to ripen slowly, providing additional hang time prior to harvest. This gives the wine complexity and depth that is enhanced by whole cluster fermentation and minimal handling.

Subtle aromas of black cherries and violets belie the layers of complexity and concentration of flavors to come. Every sip reveals another component—smoky black cherries, tobacco, herbs, and traces of earth—complementing a full-bodied, rounded mouth-feel and a long cherry finish. This elegantly balanced wine is muscular yet delicate and accessible. Delicious now and for years to come.

### Vineyard:

Floodgate Vineyard sits 500 feet above the Anderson Valley floor on the ridge top at the valley's far west end. A perfect southwest exposure causes the soil to warm quickly and brings a distinct and recognizable flavor to the grapes. The elevation and cooler climate means late ripening and harvesting. The vineyard was planted to six low-yield pinot noir clones to produce the most complex and intensely flavored Pinot Noir possible.