

PETERSON WINERY



DRY CREEK VALLEY

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2000 SANGIOVESE

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Technical Data:

Composition: 100% Dry Creek Valley

<i>Varietal Breakdown:</i>	<i>Harvest Dates:</i>
85% Sangiovese (Norton Ranch & Simoni Vineyard)	Sept. 13 & 23, 2000
10% Cabernet Franc (Bradford Mountain Vineyard)	Oct. 4, 2000
5% Merlot (Bradford Mountain Vineyard)	Oct. 4, 2000

Appellation: Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County

Alcohol: 13.4%

pH: 3.60

TA: 0.70g/100ml

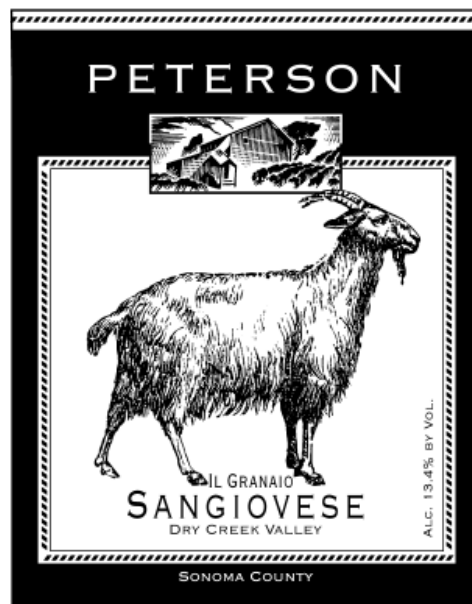
Barrel Aging: 30 months

Type of Oak: 15% new French
85% 1-3 year-old French & American oak

Bottling Date: April 3, 2003

Production: 200 cases

Release Date: October 2003



Tasting Notes:

Rich aromas of freshly crushed berries and plums, juicy black cherry and a hint of pomegranate are the hallmarks of this rich Super Tuscan Sangiovese blend. Pungent aromatics are matched with lingering spicy ripe fruit mingled with hints of leather and earth. An extra year in barrel plus the addition of Cabernet Franc and Merlot distinguishes this tasteful blend.

These deliciously robust characteristics, provide the backbone and structure to match with heartier Italian fare or other meaty dishes. Drink now or age 6-10 years to enhance smoothness.

Vineyards:

The Norton Ranch Estate vineyard sits a little above the valley floor on the benchland of Dry Creek Valley. The soil at Norton Ranch has a larger percentage of clay and gravel resulting in lower yields of intensely flavored and balanced fruit.

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.

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