

PETERSON WINERY

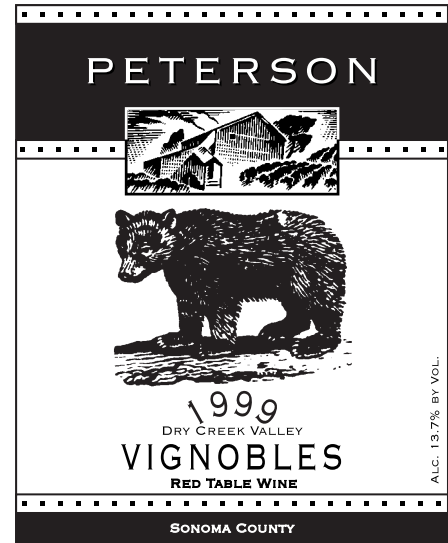


1999 VIGNOBLES

DRY CREEK VALLEY

Technical Data:

Composition:	100% Norton Ranch, Dry Creek Valley 50% Petite Sirah 34% Mourvedre 16% Zinfandel
Appellation:	Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County
Harvest Dates:	Sept. 21 & Oct. 12, 1999
Alcohol:	13.7%
pH:	3.51
TA:	0.62g/100ml
Barrel Aging:	18 months
Type of Oak:	50% new American oak 50% older French oak
Bottling Date:	April 18, 2001
Production:	150 cases
Release Date:	January 2002



Tasting Notes:

Petite Sirah has long been a perfect blending wine for zinfandel, yet this wine certainly stands on its own two feet. Rich jammy aromas of ripe berries fill the nose. The dark, almost black color shows a velvety smoothness on the palate, followed by a spicy, black pepper finish. A perfect wine to pair with grilled meats or rich pastas.

Vineyards:

Norton Ranch Estate

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.