

# PETERSON WINERY



DRY CREEK VALLEY

## 2000 VIGNOBLES

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### Fred's Vintaged View:

Vignobles is the French word for grapevines (pronounced Vee-no-bulls). We decided to call our Petite Sirah blend Vignobles because with only 60% Petite Sirah in the blend we couldn't call it Petite Sirah. The word Vignobles had a very masculine, Rhone-feel about it, and this blend is a very robust, Rhone-like wine.

This is our chewiest, most tannic and viscous bottling. Bold and earthy, it's the wine to choose when you're not in the mood for subtlety. Though it's an intense wine, the addition of the Mourvedre, Zinfandel and Carignane bring quite a bit more soft fruit to the mid-palate and give the wine a bit more immediate user-friendly qualities, as well as added complexity. In a cool cellar, this wine will continue to develop for at least 10 years and I doubt if it will start to fade for at least another ten years.

### Technical Data:

Composition: 100% Norton Ranch, Dry Creek Valley

<i>Varietal Breakdown:</i>	<i>Harvest Dates:</i>
60% Petite Sirah	Oct. 16, 2000
23% Mourvedre	Oct. 10, 2000
12% Zinfandel	Sept. 19, 2000
5% Carignane	Oct. 16, 2000

Appellation: Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County

Harvest Dates: September 16, 2000

Alcohol: 13%

pH: 3.88

TA: 0.56g/100ml

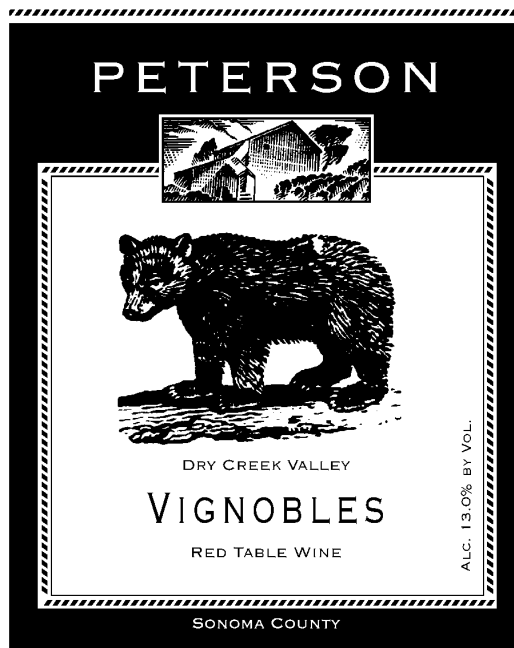
Barrel Aging: 18 months

Type of Oak: 50% new American oak  
50% older French oak

Bottling Date: April 17, 2002

Production: 289 cases

Release Date: March 2003



### Tasting Notes:

Within this inky-dark liquid lies the heart of a beast, but certainly not a beastly wine. Aromas hinting of sweet cherries, earth and rich berry fruit conceal its intensity. Deliciously smooth and sophisticated, the intense flavors of mixed wild berries, plum and tart cherries blend with a touch of sweet oak and cedar to create a richly robust, full-bodied wine. These massive flavors pair well with that juicy steak or smoked ribs you've been longing for all week.

### Vineyard:

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.

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