

PETERSON WINERY



DRY CREEK VALLEY

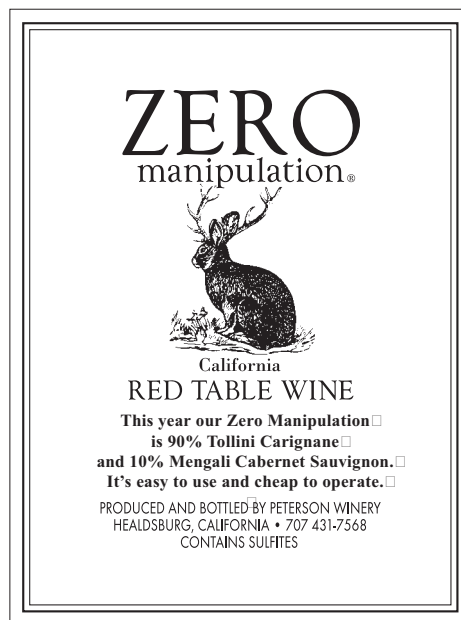
2001 ZERO MANIPULATION

RED TABLE WINE

Fred's Vintaged View:

I refer to this wine as our "bistro" wine—a wine to wash down some piquant appetizers or some really good pizza or pasta. I also call this wine "a serious red wine without the serious tannins" since old vine Carignane grapes produce wines without a great deal of tannic bite.

This wine is 90% Carignane grown in the Redwood Valley, Mendocino County at the Tollini Wild Vines Vineyard. This is a block of dry-farmed (non-irrigated) vines planted by Alvin Tollini's father in 1946 when he got out of the service at the end of WWII. The other 10% of this bottling is Cabernet Sauvignon from the Mengali family's small vineyard on Dutcher Creek Road at the northern end of the Dry Creek Valley. This red blend, though lighter than our other red wines, has a nice long finish and perfect balance on the palate. One of the more refreshing red wines available.



Technical Data:

Composition:	90% Carignane, Tollini Vineyard, Redwood Valley, Mendocino County 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, Mengali Vineyard, Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County
Appellation:	California
Harvest Date:	Sept. 28, 2001 (Carignane) Oct. 9, 2001 (Cabernet Sauvignon)
Alcohol:	13.2%
pH:	3.40
TA:	0.55g/100ml
Barrel Aging:	10 months
Type of Oak:	100% older French oak
Bottling Date:	Sept. 4, 2002
Production:	765 cases
Release Date:	April 2003

Tasting Notes:

Flavors of juicy fresh berries combine with hints of cedar, tannin and oak to create the ideal summer barbecue wine. Our 2001 Zero has that easy-to-drink quality with just the right amount of backbone to stand up to smoked ribs, charbroiled steak or a spicy sauce on grilled chicken. As the label says, "It's easy to use and cheap to operate." What more can you ask for?

Vineyards:

Tollini Vineyard

This traditional head-trained, dry-farmed Carignane vineyard was planted by Alvin Tollini's father when he returned from the service after World War II. The gravely well-drained soil of this southwest-facing benchland site produces fruit with intense color and great depth of flavor.

Mengali Vineyard

The Cabernet Sauvignon used in our 2001 Zero comes from a tiny block planted on Dutcher Creek Road, on the northern end of Dry Creek Valley. My friend Joe Mengali made a very wise choice when he planted Cabernet here. Though the vines are young, the well-drained soil produced fruit of great color, balance and intensity.

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