

PETERSON WINERY



1999 ZINFANDEL

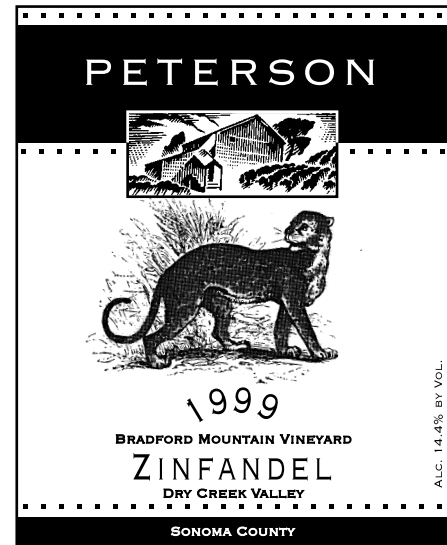
BRADFORD MOUNTAIN VINEYARD

DRY CREEK VALLEY

Technical Data:

Composition: 100% Zinfandel - Bradford Mountain Vineyard
Appellation: Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County
Bradford Mountain Vineyard

Harvest Dates: Oct. 4, 1999
Alcohol: 14.5%
pH: 3.52
TA: 0.65g/100ml
Barrel Aging: 19 months
Type of Oak: 25% new French & American oak
75% 1-4 yr-old French & American oak
Bottling Date: June 14, 2001
Production: 450 cases
Release Date: February 2002



Tasting Notes:

Our 1999 Bradford Mountain Zin is not for the faint of heart. This robust wine displays the complexity and finesse of mountain fruit. Even the aromas hint at its complexity, with layers of berry and vanilla mixed with a touch of mineral and earth scents. Each sip gives you a choice of flavors—lush berries, rich dark chocolate, spicy cloves, a long, pleasant black pepper finish, and velvety smooth mouthfeel with a minerally backdrop—and an ideal balance of acid, tannins and oak. It is also a culinary treat, pairing well with a wide range of foods that enhance the multiple layers of this wine.

Vineyard:

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. These grapes are picked at a higher sugar to achieve the perfect balance for exceptional wines.