

# PETERSON WINERY



DRY CREEK VALLEY

## 2001 ZINFANDEL BRADFORD MOUNTAIN VINEYARD DRY CREEK VALLEY

### Fred's Vintaged View:

I fell in love with mountain wines and mountain vineyards in 1979 when I first laid eyes on Mount Eden Vineyards in the Santa Cruz Mountains. I carried that devotion to mountain wines with me when I moved up to Dry Creek Valley in 1983 to develop a vineyard and build my house on Bradford Mountain.

The Bradford Mountain Zinfandel comes from a small, gnarly block of Zinfandel planted before 1900. With the exception of a few old Petite Sirah vines in the block, it's pretty much all Zinfandel. Unlike the benchland Zins, the mountain Zin has a peppery quality and more black fruit character (think wild blackberry).

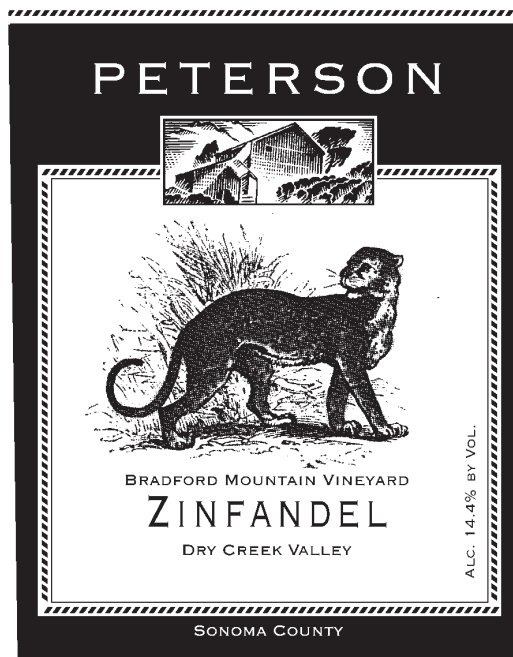
I'm fond of saying that this is wine with incredible Zin fruit on the palate and a structure like a great cabernet. Though few Zinfandels can stand up to more than a decade of bottle aging, this is certainly one of them and will reward those folks with the proper storage and patience to lay it down.

### Tasting Notes:

Deep, plush aromas of briar, spicy fruit and the trace of minerals from the rich mountain soil hint at the intensity of the wine in the glass. Well-balanced with an opulent, silky smooth mouthfeel and seductive flavors of bright fresh berries, cherries and spice with a measure of briar. The mountain fruit characteristics shine through exhibiting intense flavors, great structure and the backdrop of minerality, a signature of our Bradford Mountain Zinfandel.

### Vineyard:

Bradford Mountain Estate Vineyard sits the western edge of Dry Creek Valley. Originally planted before 1900, the 32-acre mountaintop vineyard (elevation 1000 feet) was partially replanted in 1980. 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.



### Technical Data:

Composition:	100% Zinfandel Bradford Mountain Vineyard
Appellation:	Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County Bradford Mountain Vineyard
Harvest Dates:	September 24, 2001
Alcohol:	13.8%
pH:	3.38
TA:	0.78g/100ml
Barrel Aging:	20 months
Type of Oak:	100% 1-3 yr-old French oak
Bottling Date:	May 9, 2003
Production:	275 cases
Release Date:	September 2004

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