

PETERSON WINERY



DRY CREEK VALLEY

2001 ZINFANDEL

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Fred's Vintaged View:

Though all of our Zinfandels are made from Dry Creek Valley grapes, our Dry Creek blend, as we refer to it, is a wine that we hope reflects the overall Dry Creek Valley Zinfandel *terroir*, as opposed to a single-vineyard character. It's also the Zinfandel that contains the highest percentages of blending varieties to give the wine maximum spice and an "in your face" quality.

Our 2001 Dry Creek blend is a very fruit-forward wine with 8% old vine Carignane in the blend, as well as 4% Petite Sirah and 5% Mataro (a.k.a. Mourvèdre) to give the wine more complexity and depth of flavors. Though bursting with that distinctive raspberry Zinfandel quality that Dry Creek Valley is noted for, this wine has extra depth and more nuances than the typical high alcohol, "fruit bomb" Zinfandels.

Technical Data:

Composition:

Varietal Breakdown:

83% Zinfandel
65% Norton Ranch
35% West Vineyard
8% Carignane-Mengali
5% Mourvèdre-Norton Ranch
4% Petite Sirah-Norton Ranch

Harvest Dates:

Aug. 31 & Sept. 1, 2001
Sept. 4, 2001
Sept. 9, 2001
Oct. 3, 2001
Aug. 30, 2001

Appellation: Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County

Alcohol: 13.6%

pH: 3.70

TA: 0.55g/100ml

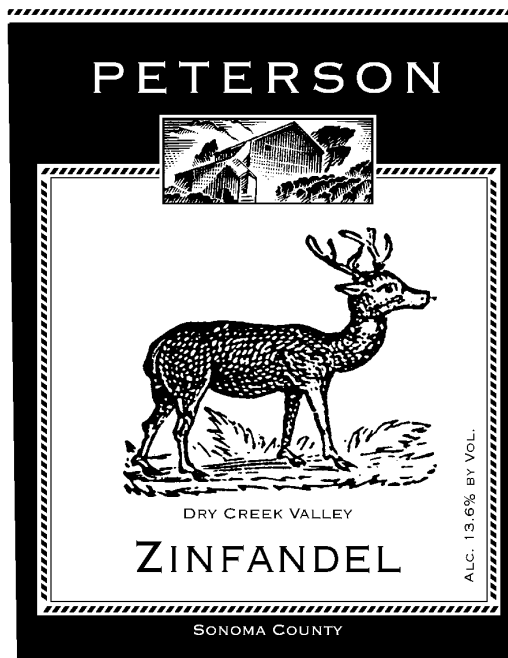
Barrel Aging: 10 months

Type of Oak: 10% new American oak
90% older French oak

Bottling Date: Aug. 22, 2002

Production: 750 cases (750ml) / 59 cases (375ml)

Release Date: May 2004



Tasting Notes:

Subtle aromas of berries, cherries and vanilla wrapped in oak belie the robust flavors that follow in this powerhouse Zinfandel. Rich and intense on the palate, with integrated tannins smoothed by oak aging to create layers of complexity. Spicy notes with hints of cedar against a concentrated dark berry core combine to make this well-structured, age-worthy Zinfandel. Flavors in this hearty Zin will marry well with summer barbeques, winter stews or the family pasta dinners.

Primary Vineyard:

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.

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