

PETERSON WINERY



DRY CREEK VALLEY

2001 TRADIZIONALE ZINFANDEL

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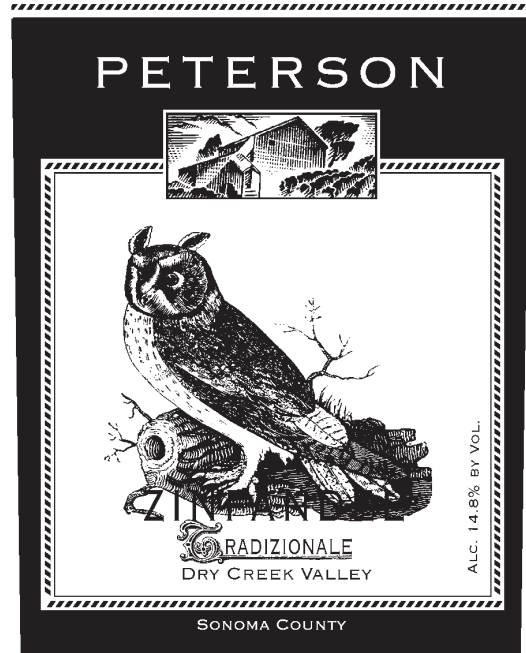
Fred's Vintaged View:

This is the kind of wine that really got me hooked on Zinfandel. A traditional, old-vine field-blend, this wine to me is the classic “raspberry jam” that differentiates the best Dry Creek Valley Zins from all others. Big, but balanced. Fruity, yet elegant. This is a wine that will go with almost any food, but you can also just pull the cork on a bottle and drink it with friends while playing cards or watching a good movie.

The old-vine West Vineyard Zinfandel in this wine was planted in the 1920s during Prohibition. It contains about 3% other red grapes (Petite Sirah, Alicante Bouschet, Carignane and some others I'm not really sure about) as well as 1% white grapes (Semillon, Palomino and Chasselas). All the vines are harvested at the same time and all the various varieties are cofermented, which produces a smoother, fuller wine than separate fermentations and subsequent blending can give you.

Technical Data:

Composition:	97% Zinfandel 3% Field blend: mixed black grapes (2.5%) and white grape (0.5%) varieties
Appellation:	Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County
Harvest Dates:	Sept. 5, 2001
Alcohol:	14.8%
pH:	3.59
TA:	0.59g/100ml
Barrel Aging:	20 months
Type of Oak:	100% older French & American oak
Bottling Date:	May 21, 2003
Production:	450 cases
Release Date:	July 2004



Tasting Notes:

Enticing aromas of freshly crushed blackberries and cherries mingle with sweet vanilla. This velvety field-blend offers lush flavors of berry, spice, cedar and cocoa wrapped around an intense ripe plum core. Nicely balanced tannins and oak, a full mouthfeel and a long luscious finish fill your palate. Bring on dinner—this delicious wine goes well with almost every meal.

Vineyard:

West Vineyard

An 80-year-old dry-farmed, head-trained Zinfandel vineyard located on a hillside in the southeast corner of Dry Creek Valley. A traditional field-blend vineyard; a small portion is planted with mixed black varieties such as Petite Sirah, Carignane and Alicante Bouschet, along with a few white grape varieties.

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