

PETERSON WINERY



DRY CREEK VALLEY

2002 ZINFANDEL *TRADIZIONALE* DRY CREEK VALLEY

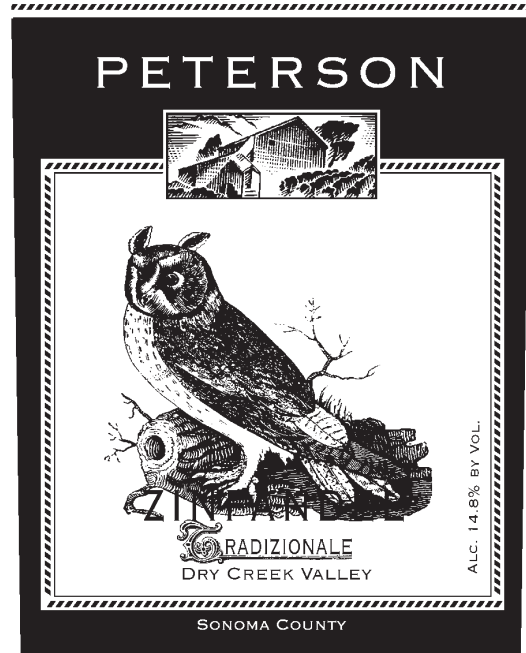
Fred's Vintaged View:

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 of mixed red (2.5%) and white (0.5%) grapes
Appellation:	Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County
Harvest Dates:	Sept. 16 & 20, 2002
Alcohol:	14.7%
pH:	3.50
TA:	0.62g/100ml
Barrel Aging:	18 months
Type of Oak:	10% new Hungarian oak, 90% 2-4 year old French oak
Bottling Date:	March 25, 2004
Production:	450 cases
Release Date:	March 2006



Tasting Notes:

The words “Dry Creek Zin” conjure up images of luscious unions of raspberry and black pepper. Our 2002 *Tradizionale* Zinfandel exhibits these traditional characteristics and more. This wine offers tempting aromas of cherry, raspberry and black pepper with hints of baking spices. The smooth flavors of ripe raspberry, rich cherry and sweet vanilla balance perfectly with the tannin and oak. These delicious flavors carry through to the long, lingering finish, satisfying even the strongest Dry Creek Zin craving.

Vineyard:

West Vineyard is 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 Mataro, along with a few white grape varieties.

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