

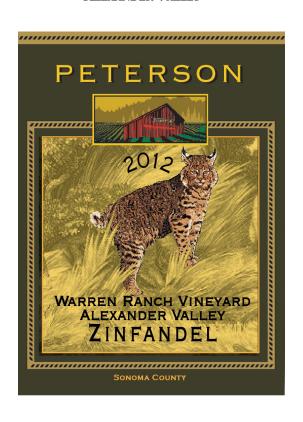
## 2012 ZINFANDEL

Warren Ranch Alexander Valley

## Jamie's (Peterson) Vintaged View

A few years ago our longtime friend and grapegrower, Paul Bernier and his son, Zuriel, leased a property in the heart of the Alexander Valley to expand their vegetable and fruit growing operation for local restaurants and farmer's markets. It came with a two-acre old-vine Zinfandel block that had been neglected, with unpruned vines in one corner and a colony of rambunctious ground squirrels in the other. The Berniers worked their vineyard magic and performed time-honored farming methods to bring the vineyard back to health.

In 2012, we were able to bring in a small harvest of classic old vine Zin grapes from this vineyard. Though a different take on the varietal than our Dry Creek Valley bottling, with each vintage the wine has shown more promise and true Alexander Valley *terrior*. We look forward to working with this old-vine expression of Zinfandel for years to come.



## **Tasting Notes**

Our '12 Warren Ranch Zin once again offers the quintessential Alexander Valley Zinfandel experience—with its bright, delicious aromas and flavors all wrapped up with elegance and finesse.

It begins with a seductive nose of fresh-press raspberry and blackberry juice that mingles with smoky oak and a light dusting of white pepper. The luscious mouthfeel and spicy texture reveal black raspberry pie fused with vanillin oak, subtle black pepper and a touch of baking spices. As the spicy fruit essence expands across the palate, dark chocolate joins in and lingers with the flavors as they hang around for the long finish.

Balanced and bursting with flavors, this Zin begs to be paired with dinner night after night. Try it with lasagna rolls, chipotle-mango BBQ chicken or Cuban pork chops.

## **Technical Data**

Composition: 100% Old Vine Zinfandel

Vineyard: Warren Ranch

**Appellation:** Alexander Valley, Sonoma County

Harvest Dates: October 3, 2012

Alcohol: 15.8% pH: 3.92

TA: 0.65g/100mL Barrel Aging: 14 months

Cooperage: 75% 4-7-year-old French oak barrels,

25% 2-year-old French oak barrels

Bottling Date: January 7, 2014 (unfined & unfiltered)

**Production:** 125 cases - 750ml bottles

Release Date: May 2014