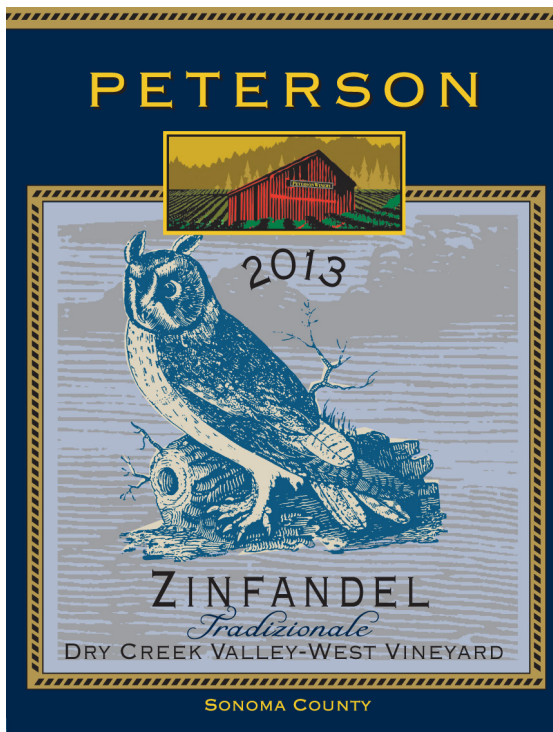


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2013 ZINFANDEL *TRADIZIONALE* West Vineyard Dry Creek Valley



Fred's (Peterson) Vintaged View & Vineyard Notes

West Vineyard, planted in 1902, is a 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 3% other red grapes (Petite Sirah, Alicante Bouschet, Mourvedre, 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.

This is the kind of wine that really got me hooked on Dry Creek Valley Zinfandels. A traditional, old-vine field-blend wine with 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.

Technical Data

Composition:	96% Zinfandel, 4% Field blend of mixed red (3%) and white (1%) grapes
Appellation:	West Vineyard, Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County
Harvest Date:	October 5, 2013
Alcohol:	14.8%
pH:	3.46
TA:	0.69g/100ml
Barrel Aging:	19 months
Type of Oak:	25% new Hungarian oak barrels, 10% 2-year-old French oak barrels, 65% 4-10 year-old neutral oak barrels
Bottling Date:	May 27, 2015 (unfined & unfiltered)
Production:	325 cases
Release Date:	January 2017

Tasting Notes

Intense fresh-picked black raspberry aromas are laced with spices and a hint of wild fennel. Bright acidity and juicy dark berries encompass the palate contributing to the robust nature of this wine. Dark cherry, along with traces of mocha, floral and anise, join in, while the lightly spiced texture crescendos into a spice-driven finish where the flavors linger. The integrated tannic backbone will allow this wine to age for at least another 5 – 7 years.

Complement the dark tones of this field-blend Zin with smoked brisket served with a side of garlic roasted potatoes, or lamb stew accompanied by fresh-baked buttermilk biscuits.