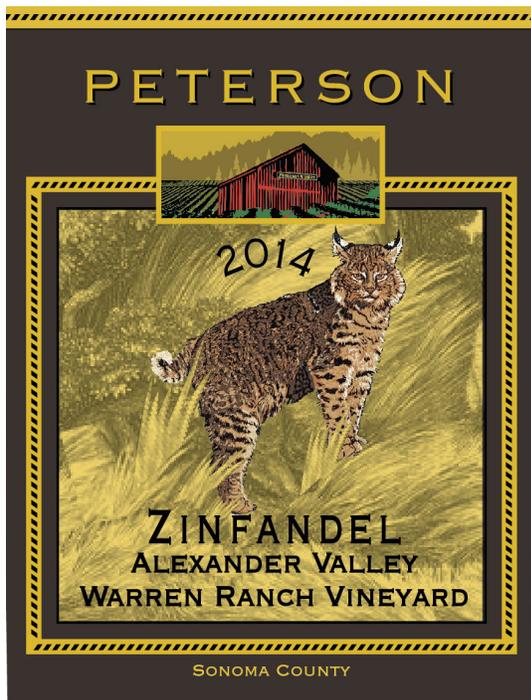


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2014 ZINFANDEL Warren Ranch Vineyard Alexander Valley



Jamie's (Peterson) Vintaged View

Back in 2010, our longtime friends and grapegrowers, Paul and Yael Bernier along with their 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 2014, 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*. After much consideration and debate, the Berniers decided to remove the vines after the 2014 vintage, to replant with more thoughtfulness to spacing and selection for the site, and bring new life into this special spot.

Technical Data

Composition:	100% Old Vine Zinfandel
Vineyard:	Warren Ranch Vineyard
Appellation:	Alexander Valley, Sonoma County
Harvest Dates:	September 19
Alcohol:	14.9%
pH:	3.69
TA:	0.62g/100mL
Barrel Aging:	21 months
Cooperage:	33% 2-year-old Hungarian oak barrels, 67% 6-year-old neutral oak barrels
Bottling Date:	July 7, 2016
Production:	75 cases - 750ml bottles (unfined & unfiltered)
Release Date:	November 2017

Tasting Notes

As this wine opens, enticing, almost perfumey, aromatics appear. Blackberry and sour cherry aromas are layered with a smoky essence, earth tones and a hint of minerality. The silken entry quickly reveals a full-flavored wine, with an opulent blend of plum, black cherry and boysenberry mixed with traces of sassafras and blackstrap molasses. Bright acidity balances the jammy flavors, flowing with them into the lingering finish.

A wine that begs to be paired with smoked brisket slathered with your favorite barbecue sauce, or cannelloni stuffed with Italian sausage, spinach and ricotta.