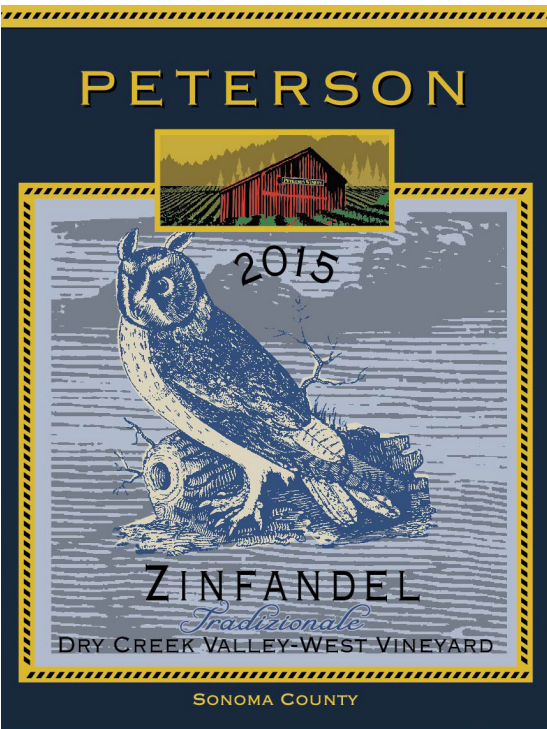


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2015 ZINFANDEL *TRADIZIONALE* West Vineyard Dry Creek Valley



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 0.5% 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:	97% Zinfandel, 3% Field blend of mixed red (2.5%) and white (0.5%) grapes
Vineyard:	West Vineyard
Appellation:	Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County
Harvest Date:	September 5, 2015
Alcohol:	16.5%
pH:	3.41
TA:	0.74g/100ml
Barrel Aging:	22 months
Type of Oak:	40% new Hungarian oak barrels, 60% 4-8 year-old neutral oak barrels
Bottling Date:	July 6, 2017 (unfined & unfiltered)
Production:	150 cases 750ml
Closure Type:	Screwcap - Ramondin - saranex liner
Release Date:	September 2020

Tasting Notes

In the tradition of field blends, this Zinfandel also includes a mix of other red grapes (2.5%) with a few whites grapes (0.5%). Even though the other grapes are only 3% of the blend, their presence adds complexity and depth to the tasting experience.

The nose offers inviting aromas of dark ripe berries, black pepper and spices laced with hints of earth and oak. The rich flavors caress the palate as they expose layers upon layers of berries—blackberry, black raspberry, raspberry, dried strawberry and blueberry, plus a little dark cherry. Black pepper, vanillin oak and supple tannins linger in the background to enhance and support the wine.

Providing a delicious balance of sophisticated flavors with a robust profile, this traditional field-blend Zin pairs well with lasagna with béchamel sauce, or smoked dry rubbed baby back ribs.