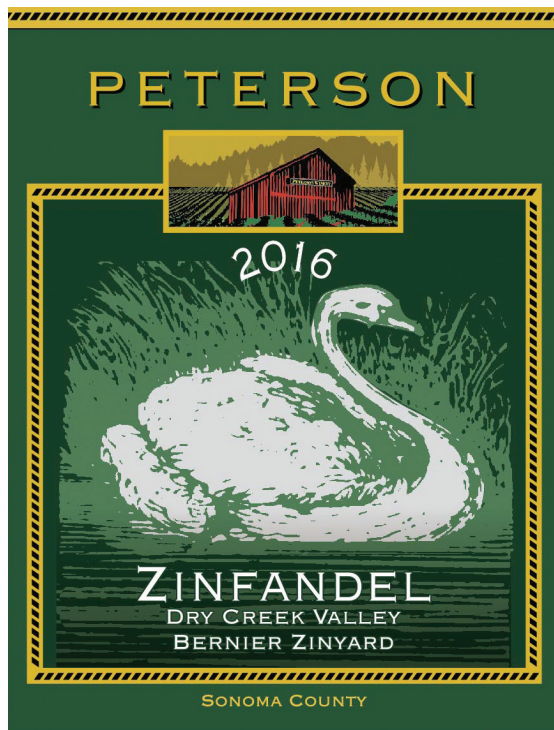


PETERSON



2016 ZINFANDEL Bernier Zinyard Dry Creek Valley



Technical Data

Composition: 100% Bernier Zinyard
Varietal Breakdown: 95% Zinfandel
5% Petite Sirah
(Petite Sirah is co-fermented with Zinfandel)
Harvest Dates: August 30
August 30

Appellation: Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County
Alcohol: 13.7%
pH: 3.70
TA: 0.64g/100ml
Cooperage: 22 months
Types of Oak: 100% 6-10 year-old neutral oak barrels
Bottling Date: July 12, 2018 (unfined & unfiltered)
Production: 150 cases | 750ml bottles
Closure Type: Screwcap - Ramondin - saranex liner
Release Date: March 2021

Zinyard Notes

Why call it a Zinyard? Originally, long time Dry Creek Valley farmers Paul and Yael Bernier planted only Zinfandel on the hillside behind their house on Canyon Road on the northern end of the valley. To honor the traditions of many of the early Italian immigrant growers, as well as enhance the Zinfandel, they later planted a small block of Petite Sirah alongside the Zin, just above the row of peach and pear trees we sometimes enjoy while sampling the vines.

Although the Zinfandel vines were planted in 1990, the Bernier Zinyard makes old-time growers feel they are walking into the past when they stroll among the vines. It is a traditional dry-farmed, head-trained (non-trellised) vineyard with Italo Sbragio's old clone Zin grafted on to St. George rootstock.

This combination of influences embodies the very roots of Dry Creek Valley viticulture and reflects Peterson Winery's values of savoring and embracing time-honored, traditional farming.

Tasting Notes

This Zin's subtle approach lends to its sophistication and appeal. The nose presents Pinot-like qualities of earthy cherry and hints of rhubarb, but as it opens, the black pepper laced aromas let you know you're about to sip a delicious Zinfandel. An easy entry of strawberry, red raspberry, plum and juicy cherry is joined mid-palate by a wave of spiciness—ground pepper and a touch of brown baking spices—and creamy mocha. The inviting, clean flavors provide a brightness that lingers on the palate.

A great wine to pair with barbecued chicken, Mexican lasagna, or a Margherita pizza.