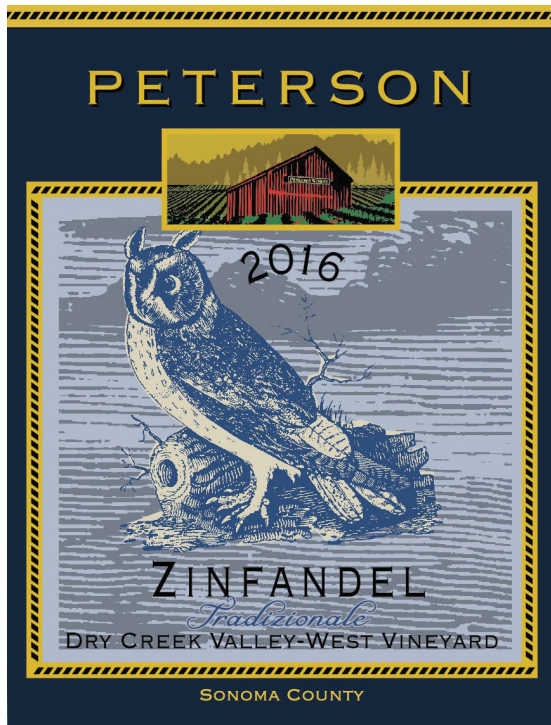


# PETERSON



## 2016 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 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

<b>Composition:</b>	97% Zinfandel, 3% Field blend of mixed red (2.5%) and white (0.5%) grapes
<b>Vineyard:</b>	West Vineyard
<b>Appellation:</b>	Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County
<b>Harvest Date:</b>	September 11, 2016
<b>Alcohol:</b>	16.2%
<b>pH:</b>	3.38
<b>TA:</b>	0.72g/100ml
<b>Barrel Aging:</b>	22 months
<b>Type of Oak:</b>	38% new Hungarian oak barrels, 25% 2-year-old French oak barrels, 37% 4-8 year-old neutral oak barrels
<b>Bottling Date:</b>	July 19, 2018 (unfined & unfiltered)
<b>Production:</b>	200 cases   750ml
<b>Closure Type:</b>	Screwcap - Ramondin - saranex liner
<b>Release Date:</b>	April 2021

### Tasting Notes

A concentrated, intense dark berry and plum essence fills the nose and beckons the first sip, which hooks you. From that first sip, it's apparent the wine is perfectly balanced and offers depth of flavors, thanks to the old-vine field-blend grapes. Rich black raspberry, dark plum and bright cherry are laced with just the right amount of black pepper spice and acidity. Savor a kiss of oak along with traces of mocha and dark chocolate. The wine's structure plays a notable role, yet does it so seamlessly that you may not notice it. As the flavors linger, you start to long for the next sip.

A great wine to enjoy solo, it also pairs perfectly with ricotta eggplant roll-ups, or a juicy steak with a creamy peppercorn sauce and a side of French fries.