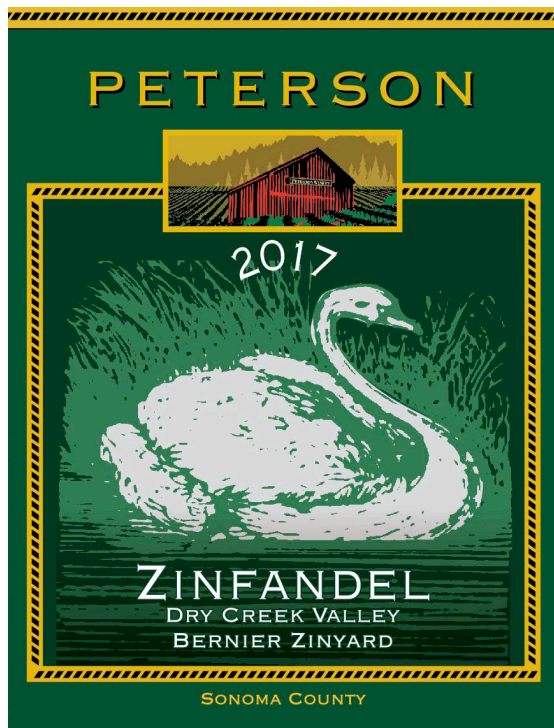


PETERSON



2017 ZINFANDEL Bernier Zinyard Dry Creek Valley



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.

Technical Data

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| Composition: | 100% Bernier Zinyard |
| <i>Varietal Breakdown:</i> | <i>Harvest Dates:</i> |
| 91% Zinfandel | September 4 |
| 9% Petite Sirah | September 4 |
| (Petite Sirah is co-fermented with Zinfandel) | |
| Appellation: | Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County |
| Alcohol: | 15.8% |
| pH: | 3.52 |
| TA: | 0.67g/100ml |
| Cooperage: | 22 months |
| Types of Oak: | 100% 6-10 year-old neutral oak barrels |
| Bottling Date: | June 28, 2019 (unfined & unfiltered) |
| Closure Type: | Screwcap - Ramondin - Saranex liner |
| Production: | 50 cases 750ml |
| Release Date: | November 2021 |

Tasting Notes

This elegant Zin offers subtle aromas of dark plum, ripe cherry and toasted oak swirled with a touch of baking spices. The luscious dark toned flavors fill the mouth with black raspberry, boysenberry, dark chocolate and creamy coffee. Mid-palate black pepper appears and builds in intensity into the finish where it lingers on. Traces of smoky oak and softening tannins gently frame the wine, adding to its complexity and refinement. Not the usual powerhouse Zinfandel, yet it has all those delicious Zin elements with a sophisticated style.

Try a delicious pairing of chicken cacciatore served over fresh egg noodles, or stir-fried pork with a spiced plum sauce.