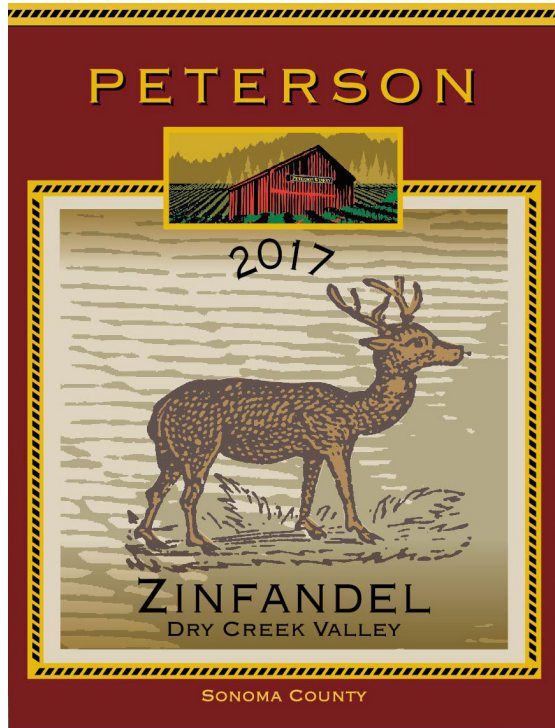


# PETERSON



## 2017 ZINFANDEL Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County



### Technical Data

#### Composition:

##### Varietal Breakdown

82% Zinfandel

7% Petite Sirah

6% Carignane

5% Grenache

##### Vineyards & Harvest Dates

32% Funsten Vineyard - 9/1

24% West Vineyard - 9/9

16% Bernier Zinyard - 9/4

10% Bradford Mtn Est Vnyd - 9/29

4% Bernier Vineyard - 9/4

3% West Vineyard - 9/13

Forchini Vineyard - 9/6

West Vineyard - 9/13

**Appellation:** Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County

**Alcohol:** 15.5%

**pH:** 3.55

**TA:** 0.64g/100ml

**Barrel Aging:** 29 months

**Cooperage:** 15% new American oak barrels

20% new Hungarian oak barrels

65% 5-10 year-old neutral oak barrels

**Bottling Date:** March 4, 2020 (unfined and unfiltered)

**Closure Type:** Screwcap - Ramondin - Saranex liner

**Production:** 450 cases | 750ml

**Release Date:** September 2021

### Jamie's (Peterson) Vintaged View

Though most of our Zinfandels are made from Dry Creek Valley grapes, our Dry Creek blend, as we refer to it, is a wine that we hope reflects the overall Dry Creek Valley Zinfandel *terroir*, as opposed to a single-vineyard character. Selecting five vineyards (Funsten, Bradford Mountain Estate, Bernier, Forchini, and West) located throughout the appellation, gives us a cross section of soil types and microclimates within Dry Creek Valley that are reflected in the flavors.

Our 2017 Dry Creek blend is a very classic, claret-style Zinfandel. Accompanying the depth of fruit flavors, you'll find richness, complexity, spice and earthiness. Compared to our other Zinfandels, this bottling contains the highest percentage of blending varietals to give maximum spice and an intriguing multifaceted quality without overwhelming the inherent "Zinness" of the wine. The Petite Sirah gives the wine darker earth notes and more structure, while Carignane enhances the spiciness and bright acidity, and Grenache adds a luscious layer of fruit.

A significant heat wave over Labor Day weekend caused about a 20% loss of our Zinfandel crop to heat damage, but the remaining grapes and resulting wine show beautiful concentration and ripeness.

### Tasting Notes

The subtle berry and toasty oak aromas belie the delicious, mouth-coating flavors that follow. A burst of ripe black raspberry laced with freshly ground pepper coats the entire palate. Dried strawberry and blackberry with a trace of plum quickly join in. The luscious fruit is seamlessly balanced by the oak and tannic structure that stays in the background until the finish where it makes a restrained appearance. This classic Dry Creek Valley Zinfandel is so seductive you'll want to keep on sipping, and too soon it is all gone.

The perfect wine to grab when serving barbecued ribs or grilled sausages, and it will pair equally as well with lasagna or osso buco.

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