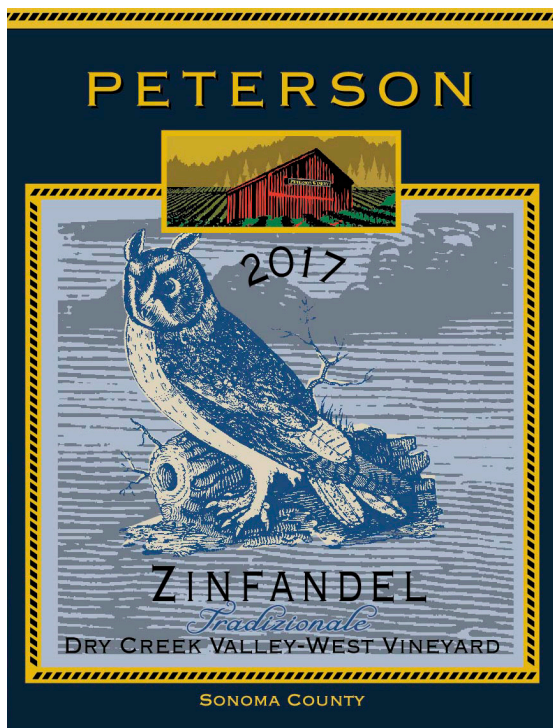


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2017 ZINFANDEL *TRADIZIONALE* West Vineyard Dry Creek Valley



Fred Peterson's 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

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 13
Alcohol:	16.2%
pH:	3.54
TA:	0.73g/100ml
Barrel Aging:	20 months
Cooperage:	33% new Hungarian oak barrels 67% 4-8 year-old neutral oak barrels
Bottling Date:	June 28, 2019 (unfined & unfiltered)
Closure Type:	Screwcap - Ramondin - saranex liner
Production:	75 cases 750ml
Release Date:	March 2022

Tasting Notes

Nothing else smells or taste like an Old Vine Zinfandel, and our 2017 Tradizionale is a textbook perfect example. The nose offers bright, intense aromatics of wild brambly berries layered with toasty oak and a dusting of black pepper and cinnamon. Concentrated, juicy fruit flavors infused with rich brown spices coat the palate and remain into the long finish. Savor the essence of blackberry pie, cherry preserves and huckleberry laced with white pepper, spice box, white floral and a just hint of tarriness. The depth of the fruit-forward flavors—classic for an old vine Zin—is balanced with the bright acidity and mocha-laced oak structure.

Enjoy sipping this wine with a plate of perfectly charred brisket served with scalloped potatoes, or baby back ribs with Carolina barbecue sauce.