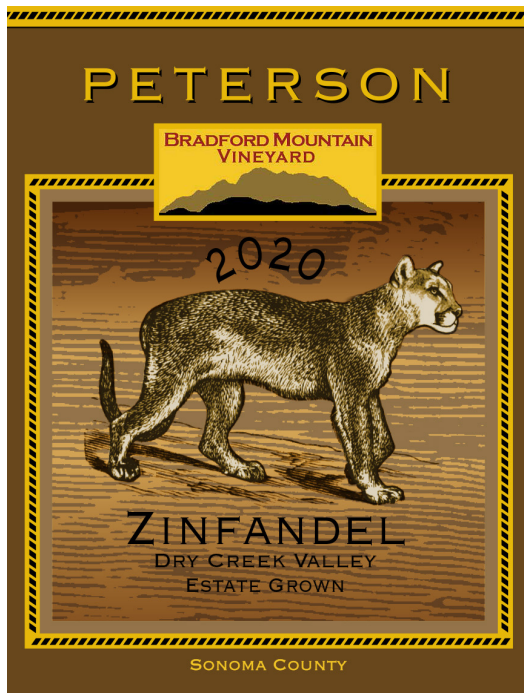


PETERSON



2020 ZINFANDEL Bradford Mountain Estate Vineyard Dry Creek Valley



Fred's (Peterson) Vintaged View

We have a history with mountain wines and mountain vineyards going back to 1979, when I first laid eyes on Mount Eden Vineyards in the Santa Cruz Mountains and fell in love with the intensity of mountain fruit. I carried that devotion for mountain wines with me when I moved up to Dry Creek Valley in 1983 to develop a vineyard and build my house on Bradford Mountain.

This wine encapsulates all of the best qualities found in mountain grown Zinfandels from the Dry Creek Valley appellation. Poorer soils and colder nights harness and preserve more of the bright acidity and freshness in the grapes. More sunlight hours at the higher elevation means darker, richer fruit. Unlike benchland Zins, mountain Zins have a peppery quality and more black fruit character (think wild blackberry).

In the 2020 estate vineyard Zinfandel, we combined wine from our head-trained block, as well as our trellised rows of Zin, with 10% estate-grown Petite Sirah. The result was a delicious wine with a perfect balance of structure and flavors.

Technical Data

Composition:

Varietal Breakdown

90% Zinfandel

10% Petite Sirah

Harvest Dates

Sept. 16 & Oct. 2

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Vineyard: 100% Bradford Mountain Estate Vineyard

Alcohol: 15.6%

pH: 3.35

TA: 0.71g/100ml

Barrel Aging: 26 months

Cooperage: 40% new French oak barrels,
10% new American oak barrels,
50% 3-7 year-old neutral oak barrels

Bottling Date: Dec. 7, 2022 (unfined and unfiltered)

Closure Type: Natural cork - Amorim NDTech -
individually scanned & TCA free

Production: 250 cases | 750ml

Release Date: March 2025

Tasting Notes

A bright aromatic beam of rich dark berries swirled with traces of black pepper fills the nose, enticing that first sip. The smooth, creamy entry soon bursts with a spicy punch of cedar and pepper mid-palate. The entry flavors of vanillin oak and ripe black raspberry reappear as the spiciness integrates and the flavors linger. Balanced acidity and oak notes frame the wine, adding structure and enriching the flavors of this refined Zinfandel.

A terrific wine to pair with traditional pasta puttanesca, or seared black pepper-crusted ahi served over sticky rice.