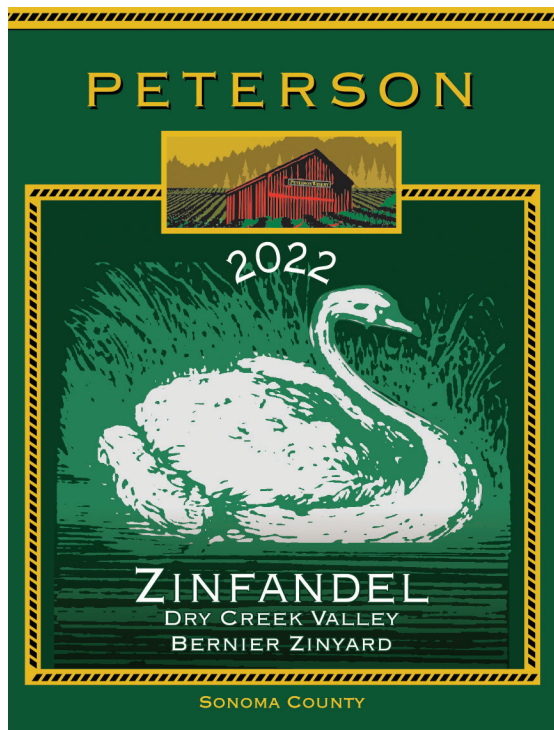


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2022 ZINFANDEL Bernier Zinyard Dry Creek Valley



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

Composition: 100% Bernier Zinyard
Varietal Breakdown: 90% Zinfandel
10% Petite Sirah
(Petite Sirah is co-fermented with Zinfandel)
Harvest Dates: August 29
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Appellation: Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County
Alcohol: 13.7%
pH: 3.59
TA: 0.61g/100ml
Barrel Aging: 21 months
Cooperage: 100% 6-10 year-old neutral oak barrels
Bottling Date: July 18, 2024 (unfined & unfiltered)
Closure Type: Screwcap
Production: 50 cases | 750ml
Release Date: April 2026

Tasting Notes

Bernier Zinfandel's charm lies in its distinctive aromas and flavors, starting with aromatics of early summer cherry mingled with traces of rose petal and brown spices. Definitely not a typical Zinfandel nose. Moving on to the flavors, the first sip offers a blend of bright, slightly spicy fresh cherry and red raspberry in a creamy, smooth texture. As the wine glides across the palate, hints of tobacco, red licorice and lavender join in, while a touch of minerality and sarsaparilla finish the wine. Complex and well-balanced, this perfectly aged Zin is a pleasure to sip.

Enjoy pairing with an artisan cheese course or charcuterie board, or herbes de Provence roasted chicken served with creamy mashed potatoes.