

Jamie Peterson's Vintaged View

My father first produced Vignobles in the 1990's as a way to showcase our Petite Sirah and other Rhone varietals in a savory blend that reflects the Dry Creek Valley terroir. And, as a side note, it was one of my favorite wines to sneak tastes of as a teenager.

By blending four varietals from numerous, distinctively different Dry Creek Valley vineyards, we are staying true to Fred's vision of showcasing how our local terroir creates a unique palate profile. With this fourth vintage since the resurrection of the wine, we've built upon the dense and rich base of dry-farmed Petite Sirah from the Bernier Vineyard. Carignane from two vineyards gives high tone spice and brightness to the blend, while Zin from the Borkow and Funsten Vineyards, and Syrah from Olson Vineyard add layers of varied fruit and plushness. This mostly Rhone varietal blend creates layers of fruit, spices and herbs, along with complexity and balance—all hallmarks of wines from the Dry Creek Valley.

Not a subtle wine, but meant to show more finesse and refinement than some of our other blends, like Shinbone or Petite Sirah. We are glad to have Vignobles back in our cellar, and I no longer have to sneak tastes, but enjoy each sip all the same.

Tasting Notes

An array of aromas introduces this eclectic blend, with toasty oak, smoked meats and a red clay soil earthiness sharing space with ripe berries, dark skinned fruit and white pepper. The opulently smooth texture releases tightly woven bright flavors that linger on as you sip again and again. Beneath the loveliness is the perfect balance of integrated fine-grained vanillin oak and dark fruit—cherry, plum and mixed berries—wrapped in supple tannins. Traces of cocoa and eucalyptus appear, adding interest and even more depth.

This elegant, refined wine deserves to be paired with a platter of equally delicious cheeses, Beef Wellington or Steak au Poivre.

2010 VIGNOBLES Dry Creek Valley



Technical Data

Varietal	Vineyard	<u>Harvest Dates</u>
54% Petite Sirah	Bernier Vineyard	Sept. 28
27% Carignane	17% Bradford Mtn. Vnyd	Oct. 8
	10% Forchini Vineyard	Sept. 25
10% Syrah	Olson Vineyard	Oct. 20
9% Zinfandel	5% Borkow Vineyard	Sept. 29
	4% Funsten Vineyard	Sept. 27
Appellation:	Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County	
Alcohol:	13.7%	
pH:	3.85	
TA:	0.69g/100ml	
Barrel Aging:	21 months	
Cooperage:	40% new oak barrels—20% American,	
	10% French & 10% Hungarian;	
	60% 4-8 year-old mixed neutral oak barrels	
Bottling Date:	June 29, 2012 (unfined & unfiltered)	
Production:	215 cases/750ml, 10 cases/1.5L Magnums	
Release Date:	April 2013	

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