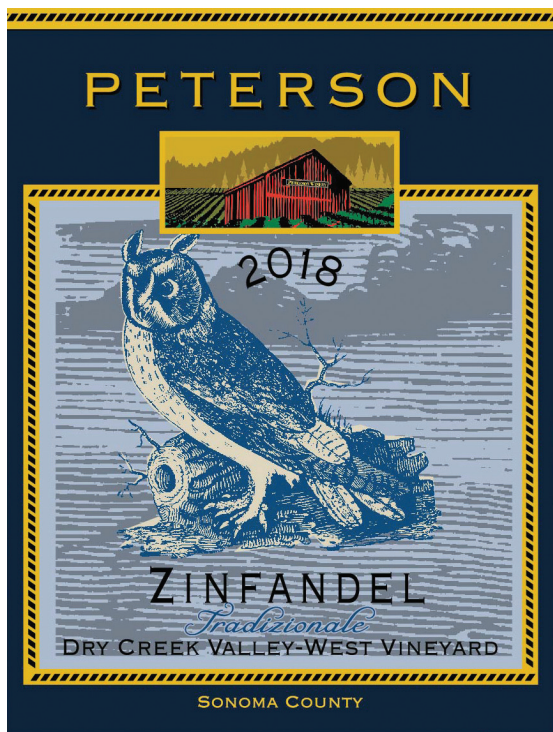


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2018 ZINFANDEL *TRADIZIONALE* West Vineyard Dry Creek Valley



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 Zinfandel. 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:	October 4
Alcohol:	16.1%
pH:	3.41
TA:	0.73g/100ml
Barrel Aging:	22 months
Cooperage:	25% new Hungarian oak barrels 75% 4-8 year-old neutral oak barrels
Bottling Date:	August 7, 2020 (unfined & unfiltered)
Closure Type:	Screwcap - Ramondin - saranex liner
Production:	200 cases 750ml
Release Date:	November 2022

Tasting Notes

The intensity and depth on the nose and mouth showcase the character and age of these old Zinfandel vines. Deep aromas of spicy red and black berries layer with hints of fine herbs and fresh toffee. The smooth entry flows into a bright mid-palate of ripe blackberry, Santa Rosa plum, Bing cherry and just a kiss of rhubarb pie. Caramel, spices and a hint of floral weave through the buoyant fruit flavors that expand and linger long. Integrated oak and lively acidity provide the perfect structure to support this delicious example of what old vines can deliver.

Try this classic Zin with grilled pork chops with roasted garlic gremolata, or beef-pork-veal meatballs over fresh-made spaghetti.