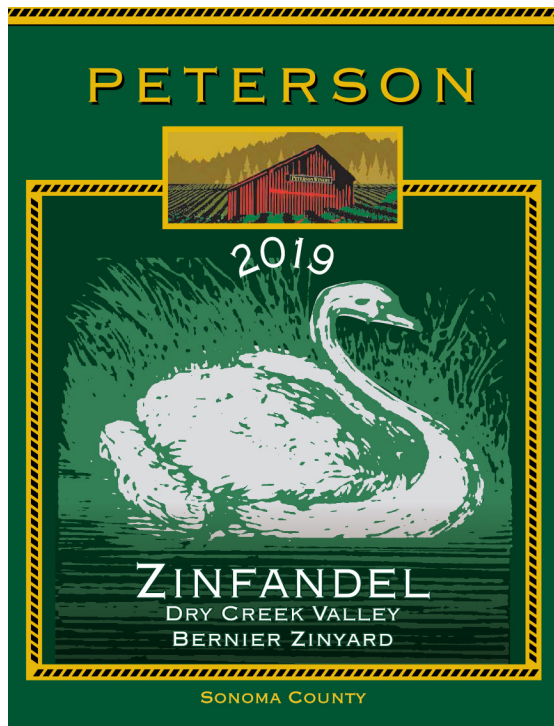


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2019 ZINFANDEL Bernier Zinyard Dry Creek Valley



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: 82% Zinfandel
18% Petite Sirah
(Petite Sirah is co-fermented with Zinfandel)
Harvest Dates: September 9
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Appellation: Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County
Alcohol: 13.1%
pH: 3.76
TA: 0.52g/100ml
Barrel Aging: 22 months
Cooperage: 100% 6-10 year-old neutral oak barrels
Bottling Date: July 21, 2021 (unfined & unfiltered)
Closure Type: Screwcap - Ramondin - Saranex liner
Production: 100 cases | 750ml
Release Date: June 2023

Tasting Notes

Richly layered aromas reveal dark cherry and ripe plum with traces of oak, cigar box and molasses. The bright entry showcases layers of dark flavors—boysenberry compote, blackberry and juicy plum. The dance between bright and dark continues on into the broad finish. Mid-palate discover hints of strawberry jam, while the toasty oak essence in the background adds to the wine's complexity. This refined and rather elegant wine offers qualities rarely found in Zinfandel.

Try pairing it with blueberry balsamic glazed rosemary chicken, or a traditional moussaka with eggplant and potatoes.