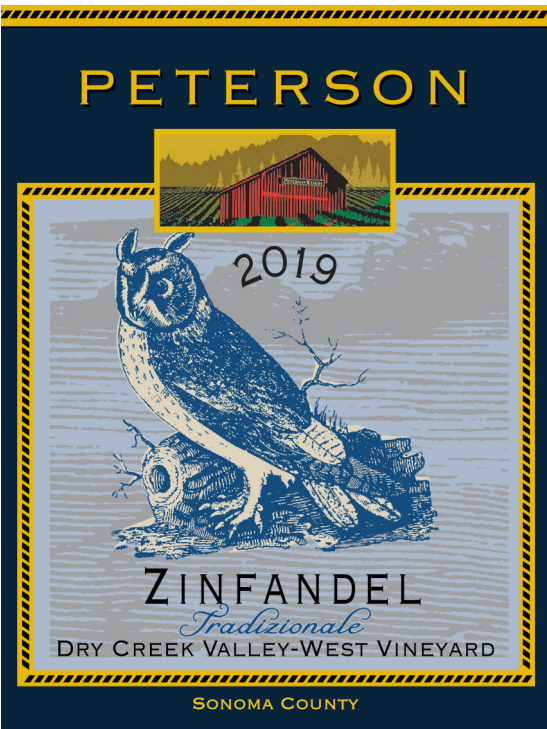


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2019 ZINFANDEL *TRADIZIONALE* West Vineyard Dry Creek Valley



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:	September 27
Alcohol:	16.7%
pH:	3.41
TA:	0.71g/100ml
Barrel Aging:	25 months
Cooperage:	25% 1-year-old Hungarian oak barrels 25% 1-year-old French oak barrels 50% 4-8 year-old neutral oak barrels
Bottling Date:	November 9, 2021 (unfined & unfiltered)
Closure Type:	Screwcap - Ramondin - Saranex liner
Production:	100 cases 750ml
Release Date:	April 2024

Tasting Notes

As the wine opens, layers of aromatics fill the nose. First comes a blend of fully ripened red fruit, followed by bright black raspberry aromas laced with freshly ground Tellicherry pepper. The mellow entry quickly transforms into a mid-palate filled with buoyant acidity, where layers of dark, luscious flavors — black raspberry, dark cherry, plum and blackberry — merge with spices and oak notes. This old vine Zinfandel offers lively, fresh aromas and flavors fused with finesse and elegance, creating an approachable yet layered and complex wine.

A wonderful sipping wine that will pair perfectly with a classic veal parmigiana served over a bed of fresh pasta, or meatloaf and cheesy scalloped potatoes.