

Fred's (Peterson) Vintaged View

This is the kind of wine that really got me hooked on Dry Creek Valley Zinfandels. A traditional, old-vine field-blend, this wine to me is the 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.

The old-vine West Vineyard Zinfandel in this wine was planted in the 1920s during Prohibition. It contains about 3% other red grapes (Petite Sirah, Alicante Bouschet, Carignane and some others I’m not really sure about) as well as 1% white grapes (Semillon, Palomino and Chasselas). All the vines are harvested at the same time and all the various varieties are cofermented, which produces a smoother, fuller wine than separate fermentations and subsequent blending can give you.

Vineyard

West Vineyard is a 90+year-old 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 mixed black varieties such as Petite Sirah, Carignane and Mourvedre, along with a few white grape varieties.

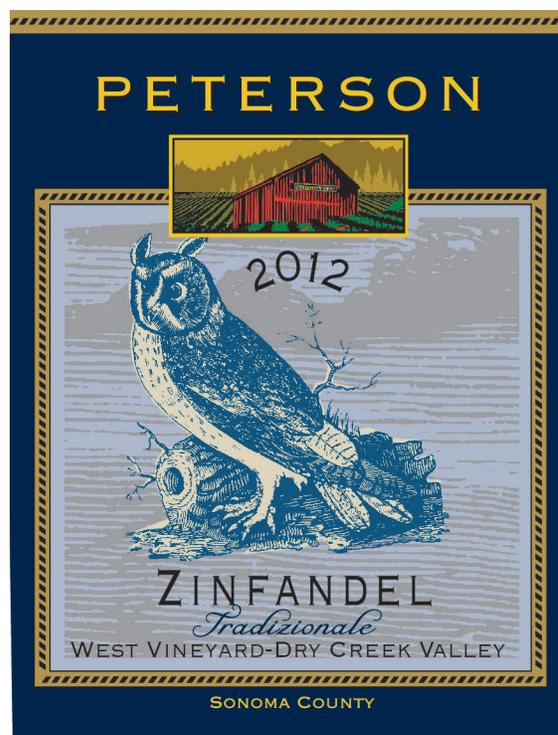
Tasting Notes

This Zin offers seductive aromatics of bright brambly berry with hints of dusty tannins and vanillin oak that entice that first sip. As soon as you taste the rich, juicy flavors, you’re hooked. A deliciously smooth entry bursts with perfectly vine-ripened wild blackberries mixed with dark cherry, plum, black raspberry and more. Threads of fresh baking spices weave through the luscious berry goodness adding even more complexity. Integrated oak and good acidity balance the fruit and lend a solid structure to the wine.

Easy to pair, try this Zin with slow-braised short ribs served on a bed of saffron risotto, a classic carbonara, or moussaka. Be sure to also save some to savor over a decadent chocolate dessert.

2012 ZINFANDEL *TRADIZIONALE*

WEST VINEYARD - DRY CREEK VALLEY



Technical Data

Composition:	97% Zinfandel, 3% Field blend of mixed red (2.5%) and white (0.5%) grapes
Appellation:	West Vineyard, Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County
Harvest Date:	October 12, 2012
Alcohol:	14.6%
pH:	3.62
TA:	0.71g/100ml
Barrel Aging:	18 months
Type of Oak:	25% new Hungarian oak barrels, 10% 2-year-old French oak barrels, 65% 4-10 year-old neutral oak barrels
Bottling Date:	April 9, 2014 (unfined & unfiltered)
Production:	400 cases
Release Date:	January 2015