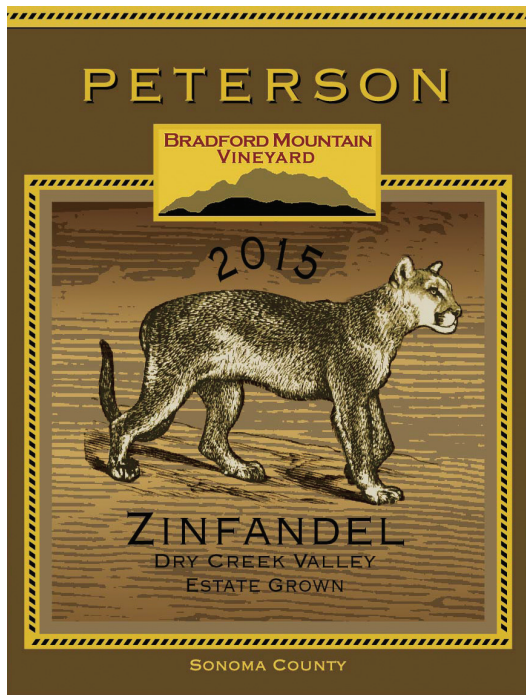


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2015 ZINFANDEL Bradford Mountain Estate Vineyard Dry Creek Valley



Fred's (Peterson) Vintaged View

We have a history with mountain wines and mountain vineyards going back to 1979, when I first laid eyes on Mount Eden Vineyards in the Santa Cruz Mountains and fell in love with the intensity of mountain fruit. I carried that devotion for mountain wines with me when I moved up to Dry Creek Valley in 1983 to develop a vineyard and build my house on Bradford Mountain.

This wine encapsulates all of the best qualities found in mountain grown Zinfandels from the Dry Creek Valley appellation. Poorer soils and colder nights harness and preserve more of the bright acidity and freshness in the grapes. More sunlight hours at the higher elevation means darker, richer fruit. Unlike benchland Zins, mountain Zins have a peppery quality and more black fruit character (think wild blackberry).

The 2015 Zinfandel from the Estate Vineyard was such a balanced and delightfully complete wine, the addition of merely 4% Petite Sirah from the same vineyard was all that was needed to round out the structure.

Technical Data

Composition:

<i>Varietal Breakdown</i>	<i>Harvest Dates</i>
96% Zinfandel	9/19 & 9/25
4% Petite Sirah	9/15

Vineyard:	100% Bradford Mountain Estate Vineyard
Appellation:	Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County
Alcohol:	15.6%
pH:	3.40
TA:	0.70g/100ml
Barrel Aging:	22 months
Cooperage:	20% new Hungarian oak barrels, 20% new French oak barrels, 10% new American oak barrels, 50% 4-8 year-old neutral barrels
Bottling Date:	July 6, 2017 (unfined and unfiltered)
Production:	300 cases 750ml
Closure Type:	Natural cork - Amorim NDTech - individually scanned & TCA free
Release Date:	September 2020

Tasting Notes

The seductive aromatics entice with deep spice-laced blackberry and cedary pepper along with hints of oak. A smooth, rich mouthfeel and spicy texture showcase the stylish fruit-driven flavors that linger into the finish. Black raspberry, blackberry and ripe plum caress the palate, while savory threads of black pepper and minerality add complexity and depth. Bright, mouthwatering acidity lends balance to this refreshing luscious and elegant Zin.

Delicious to just sip on its own, this wine will also seamlessly pair with cocoa-rubbed baby back ribs, or black pepper beef.