

Jamie Peterson's Vintaged View

My father first produced Vignobles in the 1990's as a way to showcase our Petite Sirah and other Rhone varietals in a savory blend that reflects the Dry Creek Valley *terroir*. And, as a side note, it was one of my favorite wines to sneak tastes of as a teenager.

By blending four varietals from numerous, distinctively different Dry Creek Valley vineyards, we are staying true to Fred's vision of showcasing how our local *terroir* creates a unique palate profile. With this sixth vintage since the resurrection of the wine, we've built upon the bright, spicy Carignane from the old vine Forchini Vineyard, brought dense and deep richness by adding Petite Sirah from the northern Bernier Vineyard. Zinfandel, Petite Sirah, and Syrah from our Bradford Mountain Estate Vineyard, along with Grenache from the southerly West Vineyard, add levels of varied fruits and plushness, bringing it all together. This mostly Rhone varietal blend creates layers of fruit, spices and herbs, along with complexity and balance—all hallmarks of wines from the Dry Creek Valley.

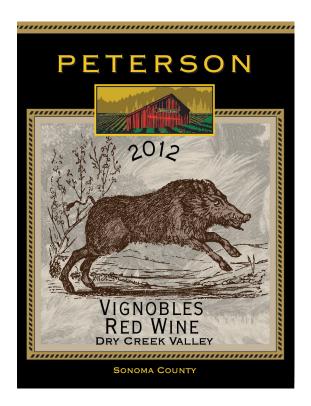
Not a subtle wine, but meant to show more finesse and refinement than some of our other blends, like Mendo Blendo or Petite Sirah. We're glad to have Vignobles back in our cellar, and I no longer have to sneak tastes, but enjoy each sip all the same.

Tasting Notes

The aromatics seduce you with their depth and endless layers of rich spiciness, red and dark berries and floral notes. The lovely spiciness found on the nose continues in the mouth where it introduces the wine, laces through the flavors, and then lingers in the finish. A plush texture offers a juicy infusion of dark plum, dried strawberry, cherry and black raspberry with just a trace of orange zest. Supple tannins and hints of toasty vanillin oak gently frame the palate. The subtle structure will continue to integrate with the vibrant fruit, so if you can be patient, this wine should be liquid poetry in a year or so.

Though enjoyable sipped solo, this delicious blend will also pair perfectly with lamb meatballs, crispy balsamic duck breast, or your favorite eggplant Parmesan.

2012 VIGNOBLES Dry Creek Valley



Technical Data

<u>Varietal</u>	Vineyard	<u>Harvest Dates</u>
35% Carignane	Forchini Vineyard	9/13 & 21
25% Petite Sirah	16% Clendenen Vineyard	10/1
	9% Bradford Mtn Estate	Vnyd 10/17
16% Grenache	West Vineyard	10/12
16% Syrah	Gravity Flow Block,	
	Bradford Mtn. Estate Vnyc	1 9/13
8% Zinfandel	Bradford Mtn. Estate Vnyc	1 10/17
Appellation:	Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County	
Alcohol:	13.6%	
pH:	3.69	
TA:	0.67g/100ml	
Barrel Aging:	20 months	
Cooperage:	50% new oak barrels—25% American,	
	25% French	
	50% 4-8 year-old mixed neutral oak barrels	
Bottling Date:	May 27, 2014 (unfined & unfiltered)	
Production:	300 cases - 750ml	
Release Date:	May 2015	

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