

PEDRONCELLI

A Sonoma County Tradition Since 1927

2007 Mother Clone Zinfandel
Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County

Mother Clone Vineyard Sources

Pedroncelli's historic Zinfandel vineyards are located on the hillsides surrounding the winery, on the ranch originally purchased by John Pedroncelli Sr. in 1927 and planted to Zinfandel since 1904. Our Zinfandel vines are head-pruned and hand picked. They were cloned from the original "Mother" vines...of which one quarter of an acre exist today and fruit from these 100-year-old vines is included in the blend. Along with the fruit from our estate vineyards, it has been a tradition to blend in the fruit from the Buchignani vineyard, another old vine (40-50 years old) vineyard.

Technical Information:

Appellation: Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County

Composition: 89% Zinfandel; 11% Petite Sirah

Aging: 11 months in a blend of new French and seasoned American Oak

Alcohol: 14.4%

pH: 3.65

Total Acidity: .600g/100ml



Wine Spectator

A Lively Zin from a Sonoma Classic

Pedroncelli Zinfandel Dry Creek Valley Mother Clone 2007

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When it comes to chasing a hot new producer, I'm as guilty as any wine lover out there, but I also try to keep track of the mainstays, the classics. So when California's best Zinfandel vintage in 30 or 40 years came along in 2007, I wasn't surprised Pedroncelli's Mother Clone bottling turned out to be a real beauty. After all, the family-owned Sonoma winery has been producing reliable Zins at a fair price for the better part of a century.

Harvested from hillside vineyards that range in age from 40 to 100 years, the wine has the trademark Pedroncelli bright raspberry and blackberry fruit, laced with pepper, but winemaker John Pedroncelli and his team built in more flesh and stuffing than usual. It's just ripe enough, with 14.4 percent alcohol, and still supple and lively. I rated it 89 points, non-blind, and at \$15 it's easy on your wine budget.