

PEDRONCELLI

2000

DRY CREEK VALLEY

VINTAGE PORT

ESTATE GRAPES

ALC. 19.0% BY VOL., 500 ML

PRODUCED AND BOTTLED BY
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TASTING NOTES

Pretty purple color with slight brick-toned edge. Aromas of dried cranberries, caramel and soy. Very fruity in the mouth – grape and raspberry. Hints of vanilla and spice round out the flavors. Very complex and rich. I predict this port will age magnificently. The 1990 port that I recently tasted is showing some fine tawny-like characteristics and holding its fruit wonderfully. The slightly higher alcohol content in fortified wines along with the tannins make for extended aging.

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Our dessert wine features four of the more than 20 traditional Portuguese varieties. When planting the vineyard, we chose the following proportions—Souzao: 16%, Touriga: 16%, Tinta Madeira: 33%, and Tinta Cao: 32%. This hillside estate vineyard is located adjacent to our Mother Clone Zinfandel in Dry Creek Valley. We have been producing this wine since 1990.

VINEYARD & WINEMAKING NOTES

Each varietal ripens at a slightly different rate and the grapes are picked as field blend so that some varieties contribute acid, others color and sugar. For this vintage, John Pedroncelli decided to add 25% Syrah to the blend. The ripened grapes are brought to the winery, destemmed and crushed.

Yeast is added to start the fermentation, which continues for about seven days until we reach the desired sugar/alcohol levels. At this point the wine is fortified with grape spirits to cease the fermentation and achieve a final alcohol of 19%. The wine is pressed off the grape skins and the young wine is then aged in well-seasoned American oak barrels. Aging for two years softens and matures the wine. On December 23, 2002 the Port was bottled in 500ml glass.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

Appellation:	Dry Creek Valley
Barrel Aging:	25 months
Alcohol:	19.0%
pH:	3.87
Total Acidity:	.525g/100ml
Residual Sugar:	7.7%
Production:	863 cases of 500ml bottles