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2000 MOTHER CLONE ZINFANDEL DRY CREEK VALLEY

SPECIAL VINEYARD SELECTION MOTHER CLONE VINEYARD SOURCES

For 75 years, the Pedroncellis have identified a small number of truly outstanding blocks on and around their estate vineyards located in the northern, warmer end of Dry Creek Valley.

Budwood from our "Mother" Zinfandel Vineyard, planted around 1905, was grafted in newly replanted vineyards on the Pedroncelli Home Ranch. About one-half acre of venerable "Mother Clone" vines continue to be cultivated. Two vineyard blocks

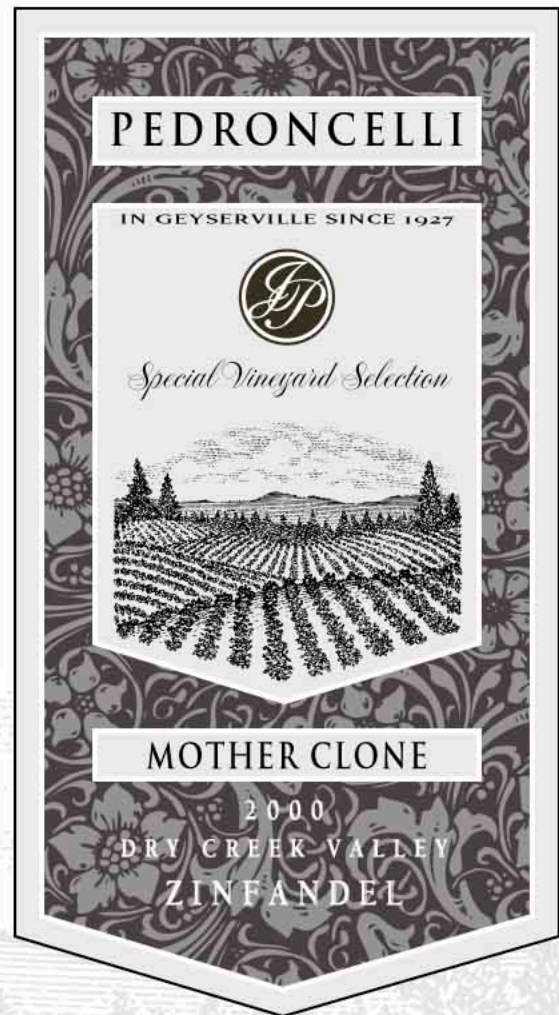
cloned from the 90 year old vineyard contributed fruit to the blend. One quarter of the fruit came from long-time grower Nivan Buchignani and his family. Their vines range in age between 18-40 years old.

WINEMAKING

The 2000 harvest brought in a ripe crop and was unhindered by weather or any other problems. The fruit was crushed into stainless steel tanks and fermentation took one week. Frequent pumping-over of the juice over the skins during this time brings to the new wine a substantial increase in color and flavor intensity. The young zinfandel was aged in medium toast oak barrels for 11 months in order to develop smoothness and complexity.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Appellation: Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County
Aging: 11 months in American Oak barrels
Varietals: 88% Zinfandel; 12% Petite Sirah
Alcohol: 15.1%
pH: 3.55
Total Acidity: .645g/100ml
Bottled: April, 2002
Production: 11,900 cases



WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

Very aromatic nose of black pepper, raspberry and concentrated flavors enhanced by toasted oak are combined with a full mouthfeel. A round, firm Zin with nice tannins make for a very balanced wine. Rich! Enjoy upon release or cellar for up to 8 years.

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