



TASTING NOTES

A full bodied wine with many classic Dry Creek Valley characteristics: aromas and flavors of ripe raspberry, jammy fruit with subtle black pepper accents. This is a concentrated Zin that offers a full mouthfeel of fruit, spice and even hints of chocolate. The finish is long and packed with flavor.

MOTHER CLONE VINEYARD SOURCES

Pedroncelli's Zinfandel vineyards are located on the hillsides surrounding the winery, land originally purchased by John Pedroncelli Sr 78 years ago and planted to Zinfandel in the early 1900s. Our Zinfandel vines are head-pruned and average 25 years old. 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.

Each year, on the Pedroncelli home ranch, our vineyard manager ensures that his crew works through all the head pruned vines pulling leaves and separating the clusters so that each has enough sunlight to develop and room to ripen as evenly as possible. 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 (45 year old) vineyard.

WINEMAKING

At Pedroncelli, our Zinfandel style is to showcase the unique characteristics of Dry Creek Valley. Our grapes are hand-picked with scrupulous attention paid to harvesting and to the gentle handling they receive at the winery. The grapes were harvested the first three weeks in September at an average of 24.5 Brix and lots were fermented separately in stainless steel tanks. The cellar crew does three pumpovers per day adding softness and extracting color and flavor from the skins. Following fermentation, the wine is aged in American oak barrels for 15 months, with 25% new oak barrels.

TECHNICAL NOTES:

Appellation:	Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County		
Aging:	15 months in American Oak barrels		
Varietals:	85% Zinfandel; 15% Petite Sirah		
Alcohol:	14.65%		
pH:	3.55	Total Acidity:	.653g/100ml
Bottled:	August, 2004	Production:	10,000 cases