



Dr. Richard "Dick" Peterson – Biographical Information

Consulting Winemaker

Dr. Peterson began his career as a home winemaker in 1948 in Iowa. He received his B.S. degree in Chemical Technology from Iowa State University in 1952, M.S. in Food Technology (1956) from the University of California, Berkeley, and PhD in Agricultural Chemistry from the University of California.

Dr. Peterson's pioneering winemaking and development career began with E & J Gallo Winery in 1956 and has gone on to influence some of California's best known and loved wine brands, including Beaulieu Vineyard, The Monterey Vineyard, Screaming Eagle and Atlas Peak. At Atlas Peak, Dr. Peterson developed 450 acres of vineyard from virgin, volcanic soil. So he is comfortable with the high elevations and volcanic soil composites at Hawk and Horse Vineyards.

In 1995, Dr. Peterson led a group of investors in purchasing the Folie a Deux Winery in St Helena, and remained Chairman there until the winery was sold in 2004. He is now sole proprietor of Richard Grant Wines in Napa, California.