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ESTATE VINEYARDS

BROWN ESTATE 2005 CHILES VALLEY ZINFANDEL

Composition	100% Estate Grown Zinfandel
Harvest & Crush	Chiles Valley Vineyard, Brown Estate 4.84 tons harvested at 26 brix on 09/29/05 7 tons harvested at 26.5 brix on 10/09/05 2 tons harvested at 27 brix on 10/19/05
Appellation	Chiles Valley District, Napa Valley
Barrel Aging	11.5 months 12.5% 225-liter new French oak 12.5% 225-liter new American oak
Analysis	Alcohol: 15.8% / Total Acid: 0.71 / pH: 3.63
Production	395 cases in 12 x 750ml format 70 cases in 6 x 1.5L format

Source

Our 2005 Chiles Valley zinfandel represents a single vineyard bottling. The fruit for this wine comes from our Chiles Valley vineyard, an enchanted little corner of our property that runs along our blue-line stream and thrives in the lush riparian zone. Wild grapes ramble up to the high branches of majestic oaks, where peregrine falcons and redheaded woodpeckers make their homes. Like its exotic surroundings, this tiny vineyard – a mere three acres – is aggressive and wild. Historically it has demanded intensive hands-on attention to keep it in check, and it has responded to years of care-filled nurturing and coaxing by producing the crown jewel in the Brown Estate zinfandel lineup.

Tasting Notes

This highly focused single vineyard wine has dense gemstone clarity that is medium to dark ruby in color. The layered nose reveals chocolate truffles and jammy black fruit. This is a full-bodied wine with a velvety mouth feel, nice acidity, and firm tannins that linger through the long finish. Ripe flavors of dark berries and black cherries integrate seamlessly with dusty mocha and a touch of dried orange peel. Our 2005 Chiles Valley zinfandel is a multifaceted wine that is equally up to the challenges of standing alone, complementing a rich meal, or closing the evening with a nice chocolate course.

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