

BROWN

ESTATE VINEYARDS

BROWN ESTATE 2006 WESTSIDE ZINFANDEL

Composition	100% Estate Grown Zinfandel
Vineyard Source	Brown Estate Westside Vineyard
Appellation	Chiles Valley District, Napa Valley
Barrel Aging	11 months 12.5% new French oak 12.5% new American oak
Alcohol	15.9% by vol.
Production	350 cases in 12 x 750ml format

Growing Season

The 2006 growing season was a tumultuous one, beginning with heavy rains and flooding from January to April. The season got off to a slow start and bud break was delayed for two weeks. A record-breaking heat-wave in June helped the blooming vines make up for lost time. The weather magically cooled in August, providing glorious mild temperatures throughout harvest.

Vineyard Source

Our Westside Vineyard is the westernmost zinfandel block on our property, gently sloping down off of our Sugarloaf Hill. It is shaded in the morning, gets full sun in the evening, and is subjected to the coldest nighttime temperatures of any of our vineyards. Because this vineyard gets morning shade, temperatures there rise very gradually – but for a short period during the day it is the hottest spot on our property. This exaggerated diurnal shift results in fruit with highly concentrated flavor and intense ripeness, yet with enough acid to yield a supremely balanced wine. Thus we are able to push the limits of ripeness for optimal fruit extraction. This big single vineyard zinfandel is not for the faint of heart!

Tasting Notes

Deep, garnet color with a pomegranate rim leads to a gorgeous, vibrantly perfumed nose of black cherry, red raspberries and potpourri of double delight rose petals. This wine continually draws you back to its nose, revealing an air of Crème Anglaise drizzled over buoyant spiced cherry compote. Hints of cloves and cola tease the palate towards a long lingering finish. Think breezy evening alfresco dinner with grilled meat or hearty pasta.

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