

BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

BROWN ESTATE 2007 BROWN RECLUSE

Composition	80% Estate Grown Cabernet Sauvignon 20% Estate Grown Zinfandel
Vineyard Source	Terraces Vineyard Rosemary's Block Vineyard
Appellation	Chiles Valley District, Napa Valley
Barrel Aging	36 months 100% French Oak / 50% New Allier, Nevers & Jupille forests
Alcohol	14.5% by vol.
Production	225 cases in 12 x 750ml format

Growing Season

The 2007 growing season started off with a very cold and dry winter. The Spring season brought warmer than usual temperatures and virtually no frost, resulting in early bud break, bloom & set. Winegrowers enjoyed another season without springtime frost, and also benefited from the lack of rain and dry soils, which kept excessive canopy production to a minimum and allowed for refinement and fine-tuning of the fruit set. One of the season's surprises was that after a warm spring the summer actually was mild and long, contrary to earlier predictions of a hot season and early harvest. This is a winemaker's dream. Healthy vines, no rain, just a few heat spikes and fabulous fruit all lead to great wines!

Tasting Notes

Gorgeous deep ruby/scarlet core with blood orange rim reflects many months of luxurious gestation in French oak. Our Brown Recluse opens with expressive aromas of freshly cut roses and morning dew, maraschino cherries dipped in grenadine and dark chocolate, cedar and black raspberry liqueur, with further aromatics of chaparral forest, cigar box, underbrush, and just a hint of black truffle. Even the most staid palate will be seduced by this wine's broad and expansive mouth feel, which opens to a flavor profile reminiscent of an exotic dark chocolate and espresso covered orange creamsicle. Powerful, pure and refined, Brown Recluse is a thoroughbred with enviable restraint. Drink now through 2025.