

# BROWN

ESTATE VINEYARDS

## BROWN ESTATE 2007 CHILES VALLEY ZINFANDEL

<b>Composition</b>	100% Estate Grown Zinfandel
<b>Vineyard Source</b>	Brown Estate Chiles Valley Vineyard Block
<b>Appellation</b>	Chiles Valley District, Napa Valley
<b>Barrel Aging</b>	12 months 12.5% 225-liter new French oak 12.5% 225-liter new American oak
<b>Alcohol</b>	15.7% by vol.

### Growing Season

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

### Vineyard Source

This is the sixth vintage bottling of our single vineyard zinfandel from the Chiles Valley Block at the center of our property. This rebel vineyard, with its zealous canopy and challenging location along our blue-line stream, 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

Moderate intense ruby purple core lightening to a ruby fuscina rim. High, intense nose of berry fruit, raspberry, huckleberry, boysenberry, black cherry. Smoky underbrush, pepper, savory herb, moderate-plus body, medium acidity, medium tannins, brighter fruit on the palate. Fresh and slightly baked red/black cherry, boysenberry, cassis, pepper brush, light wood spice, long finish.

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