

# BROWN

ESTATE VINEYARDS

## **BROWN ESTATE 2007 DUPPY CONQUEROR CABERNET SAUVIGNON DESSERT WINE**

Composition	100% Estate Grown Cabernet Sauvignon
Vineyard Source	Mickey's Block
Appellation	Chiles Valley District, Napa Valley
Barrel Aging	30 months 100% French seasoned oak
Alcohol	19.5% by vol.
Fortification	Four-year Aged Estate Zinfandel Brandy Mickey's Block, 2002 Vintage
Production	425 cases in 12 x 375ml format

### **Behind the Wine**

What now seems like many moons ago, BE winegrower Dave Brown and his buddy Marko Karakasevic of Charbay Vodka fame would trek through the woods above our vineyards hunting wild boar and other creatures of the wine country forest. In those days the winery house freezer was always full of game, and the night air filled with the firey, smokey smell of meat roasting over a makeshift fire pit. Dave and Marko's adventuresome partnership continues today as Dave blends our cabernet sauvignon with a superb brandy made from BE zinfandel grapes and distilled by none other than Marko himself. Aged for six years in French oak barrels in our subterranean cave, this brandy is a revelation all its own, and using it to arrest the fermentation of our biggest cab yet from the 2007 vintage was right in keeping with the spirit of invention we are known for at Brown Estate. With each tasting this wine blows us away. Though technically a port-style wine, no dominant prune or raisin flavor is present. Instead, all of the opulence, structure and grandeur of the cabernet grape – with its dark royal crimson color and black fruit – stand up and dance with the round and silky mystery of the fruit laden brandy, which is nearly rendered feminine in this seductive waltz.

### **Tasting Notes**

Gorgeous deep dark ruby core with translucent garnet rim. What lies beneath this seductive visual is an exuberant aroma beginning with creme de cassis, espresso and Venezuelan dark chocolate. Tobacco and flint lead to dark currant, ripe blackberry and Affogato topped with heavy cream. The nose continues to entice with a gorgeous cascade of holiday spice, further revealing allspice, nutmeg, cloves and vanilla rounded out by whipped butter and sugar. Layered, structural, ripe, succulent and deep, with a long and lingering finish. This wine is purity in a bottle. Drink now, and forever more.

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