

# BROWN

ESTATE VINEYARDS

## BROWN ESTATE 2007 NAPA VALLEY ZINFANDEL

Composition	100% Estate Grown Zinfandel
Vineyard Source	Chiles Valley Vineyard, Mickey's Block, Rosemary's Block, Westside Block
Appellation	Chiles Valley District, Napa Valley
Barrel Aging	12 months 12.5% new French oak 12.5% new American oak
Alcohol	15.4% by vol.
Production	1850 cases in 12 x 750ml format 250 cases in 6 x 1.5L format (etched)

### 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!

### Tasting Notes

This juicy, luscious wine is a mistress of temptation who is not without her modern, clean, sophisticated and polished edge. Gorgeous deep ruby color and garnet rim draw you in straight away. Strawberry jam, cherry hard candy, hibiscus blossom, and rose petals, along with a delicate pinch of cardamom and ground hazelnut, dazzle the nose. Mouthfeel is silky and deep. On the palate this wine is bright and crisp with distinctive zinfandel fruit flavors and fresh black cherry pie filling, layered with red licorice, and hints of sweet tobacco and Mexican chocolate. Exotic, luxurious and carefree. This wine is a dream!

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