

BROWN ESTATE 2007 WESTSIDE ZINFANDEL

Composition 100% Estate Grown Zinfandel

Vineyard Source Brown Estate Westside Vineyard Block

Appellation Chiles Valley District, Napa Valley

Barrel Aging 11 months

12.5% 225-liter new French oak 12.5% 225-liter new American oak

Alcohol 15.8% by vol.

Production 327 cases in 12 x 750ml format

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

This luscious single vineyard deisgnate zinfandel displays tones of noble purple and ruby, with a scarlet rim. The nose reveals focused aromas of lily of the valley, Moroccan rose, and violet leaves, leading to expressive notes of ripe cherry, hibiscus, and apricot blossoms that give way to layers of clove, allspice, Madagascar vanilla, creamy English toffee and burnt sugar. Vibrant and intense on the palate, this wine is ripe, lush, long, and elegant. This is a very complex zinfandel with amazing structure, power, depth, and richness. A true bombshell with the dangerous combination of beauty, brilliance, and breeding!

For an optimal encounter with our 2007 Westside zin, cellar for three to six months from May 2009 release, then enjoy until 2020.

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