

# BROWN

ESTATE VINEYARDS

## **BROWN ESTATE 2008 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	15.5% by vol.
Production	1899 cases in 12 x 750ml format 248 cases in 6 x 1.5L format (etched)

### **Growing Season**

The 2008 growing season began with a dry spring, followed by a long hard frost in late April. It ended with heat spikes shortly thereafter. The resulting roller coaster ride made for erratic bloom conditions with significant loss due to temperatures as low as 24 degrees. Lower yields, a less vigorous canopy, and smaller berry size made for less work and exceptional quality in the vineyard. At Brown Estate we saw up to forty percent loss of yield, with our chardonnay vineyard – the coldest spot on our property – yielding only 33 cases of wine.

### **Tasting Notes**

Our 2008 Napa Valley Zinfandel boasts the classic exotic nose of its hallmark lineage while displaying a delicate clear rim surrounding beautifully clear garnet color with a touch of blue. Nose opens to give way to hibiscus flower, Chinese five spice, dried kumquat and a touch of early morning bakery. Full-bodied with a juicy mouthfeel and expressive sweet black raspberry, pomegranate, and black currant, this wine is also exuberant with sweet citron, fleshy fruit, cinnamon toast, and deep dark jam. Briary asphalt and a touch of hillside dust impart a complexity that will take your enjoyment to new heights. This classic old-school Napa Valley zinfandel is exceptionally well-balanced with a long expressive finish. Robust enough to pair with big game and hearty pappardelle with rabbit ragu, or classic roast chicken with root vegetable medley. But the match made in heaven? Traditional Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings. Celebrate and enjoy now through 2018!

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