

BROWN

ESTATE VINEYARDS

BROWN ESTATE 2008 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	325 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

Prepare to be blown away by our gorgeous, complex 2008 Westside zinfandel. Visually stunning with deep ruby center and garnet rim, this wine instantly draws you in. Top notes begin with a bouquet of gardenia, sweet jasmine, and effervescent citrus, leading to deeper aromas of crème de cassis, bergamot, subtle rosewood, and fresh cream. The nose continues on with an unexpected twist of animal, wet stones, and bacon fat, adding a fourth dimension to this very complex wine. On the palate it is plush and rich with velvety layers of succulent ripe black cherry, blackberries, and ripe red raspberries. Rich and full-bodied with loads of glycerin, silky tannins, and a luxurious texture, this wine will please the most discerning palate. Pair with rubbed and glazed pork spareribs from *Ad Hoc at Home* – and consider doubling the recipe! This is a great feast to celebrate summer! Drink now through 2020.

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