

BROWN

ESTATE VINEYARDS

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Composition	60% zinfandel / 40% cabernet sauvignon
Vineyard Source	Zinfandel – Mickey’s Block, Brown Estate Cab Sauv – Terraces & Westside, Brown Estate
Appellation	Chiles Valley District, Napa Valley
Barrel Aging	11 months 50% French / 50% American 30% new oak
Alcohol	14.5% by vol.
Production	700 cases in 12 x 750ml format

Growing Season

We are committed to the idea that every vintage is exceptional. Even if we get pummeled with frost (2008) or hailed on during bloom (1998), optimism always seems to get the best of us. When looking back, these challenges become triumphs and setbacks become milestones. In 2009 we experienced everything that makes our unique microclimate so special, without a single caveat! Cool foggy mornings, warm afternoons, and cold nights were persistent trends all season long. Our biggest challenge was harvest. Normally a thirty-day process, in 2009 it was compressed into ten days when a season-ending storm brought eight inches of precipitation during the third week of October. With only our 2009 cabernet sauvignon still in cask today, we can confidently say that Mother Nature got it right – across the board, the 2009 vintage brought us a fantastic array of wines.

Tasting Notes

Brilliant dark ruby/purple core with a translucent crimson rim. Gorgeous aromas of boysenberry, wild blackberries, black cherry, hibiscus and exotic rosewood fill the glass. The nose further reveals wildflowers after spring rains and French lavender intermingled with freshly ground black pepper, bacon fat, brioche, and worn leather. Mouthfeel excites with a velvety texture and a long lingering finish. Fantastic extraction of ripe fruit elements is balanced out seamlessly with vibrant acidity and verve. Drink now through 2020.

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