

BROWN

ESTATE VINEYARDS

BROWN ESTATE 2009 CHILES VALLEY ZINFANDEL

Composition	100% Estate Grown Zinfandel
Vineyard Source	Brown Estate Chiles Valley Vineyard Block
Appellation	Napa Valley
Barrel Aging	12 months 50/50 French/American Oak (30% new)
Alcohol	15.8% by vol.
Production	440 cases (12 x 750ml)

Vineyard Source

This is the eighth vintage of our single vineyard zinfandel from the Chiles Valley block at the center of our property. This rebel vineyard, with its zealous canopy and challenging location along our blue-line stream, thrives in the lush riparian zone. It is the first of our zinfandel vineyards to experience bud break, giving it an average head start of two weeks. This head start was especially advantageous in 2009, when October rains resulted in a truncated growing season. Once again, our Chiles Valley vineyard has produced the crown jewel in the Brown Estate zinfandel lineup.

Tasting Notes

Dark ruby onyx core with a crimson rim. Top notes of blue rose, kumquat, mandarin, and hibiscus are followed by tea blossom, Asian apple, and a rushing cascade of coriander, cinnamon, subtle anise, and cloves. Brooding notes of fir balsam, subtle juniper, and a touch of fresh potting soil. Immensely juicy and rich on the palate, this wine embodies opulence. Succulent, ripe black cherry, blackberry, lichee, and star apple fill the palate with jammy, chewy, ripe fruit. Full-bodied and voluptuous, yet structured with excellent acidity and superb balance. Drink now through 2019.

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