

BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

BROWN ESTATE 2009 NAPA VALLEY ZINFANDEL

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| Composition | 100% Estate Grown Zinfandel |
| Vineyard Source | Chiles Valley Block, Mickey's Block, Rosemary's Block, Westside Block |
| Appellation | Chiles Valley District, Napa Valley |
| Barrel Aging | 12 months 25% new oak 50/50 French/American |
| Alcohol | 15.2% by vol. |
| Production | 2400 cases in 12 x 750ml format 325 cases in 6 x 1.5L 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

Blended from four distinct vineyard blocks on our estate property, our 2009 Napa Valley Zinfandel represents the best of the best of Brown terroir. Evident in this wine is the complex and layered Chiles Valley vineyard component, with its ripe and succulent ruby red grapefruit, fleshy black fruit, and cascade of aromas beginning with Damask rose-hibiscus, followed by exotic spicebox that leads to creamy vanilla and ends with zippy spicy crushed black and white pepper. Mouthfeel is luxurious, long, and deep yet possesses clear structural integrity reflecting the power and high extraction of the 2009 growing season. Drink now through 2020.