

BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

BROWN ESTATE 2009 ROSEMARY'S BLOCK ZINFANDEL

Composition	100% Estate Grown Zinfandel
Vineyard Source	Rosemary's Block, Brown Estate
Appellation	Chiles Valley District, Napa Valley
Barrel Aging	11 months in 30% new oak in 50/50 French/American
Alcohol	15.2% by vol.
Production	390 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.

Vineyard Notes

Our five-acre Rosemary's Block vineyard is the yin to Mickey's yang. Just a stone's throw from Mickey's, Rosemary's rows enjoy east/west orientation, thus benefiting from both morning sun and evening shade. This distinct exposure produces markedly different fruit that features red fruit characteristics and effervescent citrus. Our Rosemary's Block vineyard is well known for its ability to produce high-definition, high-intensity fruit with magnificent focus and delicate extraction.

Tasting Notes

Attune your senses to take in this amazing high definition wine. Elegant garnet core with translucent ruby rim displays brilliant crystalline clarity. The captivating nose begins with focused black cherry, Framboise, and Kirsch liqueur, leading to wild hibiscus, lavender, citrus blossom with underlying panne grille, subtle mineral, and pencil shavings. The structured and rich mouth feel is like silky Italian cashmere, providing lush texture to flavors of dried kumquat and sweet raspberry hard candy, interwoven with decomposed granite, licorice, and bay leaf. Intense and finely focused, this wine reveals its pedigree with effortless confidence. Drink now through 2018.