

BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

BROWN ESTATE 2010 ROSEMARY'S BLOCK ZINFANDEL

Composition	100% Estate Grown Zinfandel
Vineyard Source	Rosemary's Block, Brown Estate
Appellation	Chiles Valley District, Napa Valley
Barrel Aging	12 months in 30% new oak, 50/50 French/American
Alcohol	15.8% by vol.
Production	390 cases in 12 x 750ml format

Growing Season

The 2010 growing season was marked by dramatically cool weather from budbreak through bloom, and veraison was delayed until mid-August. The early cool weather resulted in a reduced fruit set, and in turn the crop itself was reduced to nearly half the size of the previous vintage. This cool weather and small crop made for a dramatic winemaking season. Heat spikes in late August and early September intensified the already astonishing level of flavor development, and a return to mild temperatures in October gave us the option of extended hangtime. The resulting wines show unprecedented levels of color, extraction, and flavor development, making the 2010 vintage one for the record book!

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 full sun throughout the day, with evening shade provided by a nearby stand of oak trees. 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

This voluptuous wine is endowed with bright acidity, making for high drama the way only Rosemary's Block can do it. Intense and lively, it sparkles like a gemstone in the glass. Crystal clear rosewood- and aubergine-tinged core gives way to a delicate scarlet rim. Nose delivers billowing fragrance of star lily, tuberose, lavender, and subtle violet, followed by orange blossoms, grenadine, and candied kumquat. The 2010 vintage remains true to its vineyard source where red fruit characteristics dominate, taking center stage with unfailing high resolution and reveling in the company of effervescent citrus, exotic spice, mocha, and cascades of heavy cream. Lush, dense, and full-bodied with a mouthfeel of luxurious velvet and silk brocade. Sure to excite the palate. Drink now through 2022.