

# BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

## **BROWN ESTATE 2010 WESTSIDE ZINFANDEL**

<b>Composition</b>	100% Estate Grown Zinfandel
<b>Vineyard Source</b>	Westside Vineyard, Brown Estate
<b>Appellation</b>	Chiles Valley District, Napa Valley
<b>Barrel Aging</b>	11 months in 30% new oak 50/50 French American
<b>Alcohol</b>	15% by vol.
<b>Production</b>	250 cases in 12 x 750ml format

### **Vineyard Source**

Our Westside zinfandel takes its name from the westerly location on our estate property where its namesake vineyard – a true outlier in every sense – grows. This far-flung corner of our land, home also to our small but heroic chardonnay vineyard, is our own wild, wild West. Volcanic and desert-like, the soil “out there” is rich with minerals. It also poses formidable challenges for flora that seek to thrive there. Concealed beneath the brushy floor of an adjacent chaparral forest are boulders the size of Volkswagen Bugs. In this roughneck wilderness, the vines themselves are subject in the morning to the coldest temperatures anywhere on our property, and in the afternoon, the hottest. These extreme conditions yield extraordinary zinfandel fruit that embodies a rarefied balance between ripeness and structure, a winning combination that produces one of the most stunning examples of the zinfandel varietal you’ll find anywhere.

### **Tasting Notes**

Our 2010 Westside Zinfandel harks back to the original 2006 vintage, with its striking black cherry cola and clove characteristics. This luscious, rich wine is not holding back – it is eager to express to the eye, nose, and palate its numerous virtues. Gorgeous magenta core and translucent ruby rim dazzle the eye and invite the nose into a billowing bouquet of wild strawberries, raspberries, and black cherry compote, punctuated by hints of cinnamon, cloves, heavy cream, and subtle vanilla. Floral notes of fresh cut roses, lilac, and jasmine commingle with buoyant notes of effervescent citrus, cola, garden soil, and subtle game. This wine is easy on the palate, yet its structural integrity is on full display thanks to a remarkable level of acidity that supports a deep, broad, long, and seamless finish. Drink now through 2022.