

# BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

## BROWN ESTATE 2012 CHAOS THEORY

<b>Composition</b>	60% zinfandel 35% cabernet sauvignon 5% petite sirah
<b>Appellation</b>	Napa Valley
<b>Barrel Aging</b>	12 months in 25% new oak, 50% French / 50% American
<b>Alcohol</b>	14.5% by vol.
<b>Production</b>	1100 cases in 12 x 750ml format 300 cases in 6 x 1.5L format

### Growing Season

*The 2012 growing season was exceptional. Fruit set was even, clusters remained loose, and minimal thinning was required to achieve balance. Sugar accumulation was slow and steady, coinciding with well-paced flavor development and allowing for extended hangtime – a winegrower’s dream. In a sense, Mother Nature, who owed us one following the challenging 2011 vintage, gave us a pass in 2012 in the form of a spectacular season that practically tended itself. Our 2012 wines came together with corresponding aplomb, and collectively they represent one of the finest and most persuasive expressions of our terroir ever to be bottled under the Brown Estate label.*

### Tasting Notes

Gorgeous pool of magenta blends with sapphire onyx at the core while a delicate scarlet rim frames the glass. The nose instantly draws you into its depths, where sultry aromas of black currant, crème de cassis, tobacco, and subtle smoky earth give way to sweet cedar and spicy clove. This vintage is similar to the 2011, the distinction being the effect of the 2012 growing season that marked all of our wines with a bolder and more expressive overall character from the eye to the palate. Mouthfeel is rich, deep, and full with the decadence of a dark black forest gateau and silky smooth texture. Vibrant citrus and pomegranate components shadow and interlace with a voluptuous richness, providing the perfect combination of structure and extracted juiciness. The virtues of this wine are many – our Chaos Theory is a crowd pleaser that ultimately will unite your guests with one wine for all. Pair with just about anything from pizza to hearty pastas to glazed black cod to beef short ribs. Drink now through 2022.