

BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

BROWN ESTATE 2012 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	15.2% by vol.
Production	700 cases in 12 x 750ml format

Vineyard Source

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 grapes that feature red fruit characteristics and effervescent citrus. Our Rosemary's Block vineyard is well known for producing high-definition, high-intensity fruit with magnificent focus and delicate extraction.

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

Our Rosemary's Block Zinfandel is a consistently high-definition wine thanks to its structure and vibrancy. The 2012 vintage is unctuous, ripe, and decadent, yet remains true to its nature with predominant red fruit characteristics and feminine perfume – the only surprise being the addition of subtle herb and game. Gorgeous magenta core with a ruby rim and dazzling crystalline clarity. A swirl of the glass releases macerated red cherries, grenadine, and freshly ground ginger embellished by cascades of exotic spice. Billowing notes of lavender and freesia follow, transmuting into subtle herb-rubbed smoky game, saddle, and lemon zest. Medium body with a persistently vibrant core that provides an intense foundation on the palate and allows seamless integration of focused fruit, spice, and vibrant acidity. Drink now through 2022.