

BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

BROWN ESTATE 2013 MICKEY'S BLOCK ZINFANDEL

Composition	100% Estate Grown Zinfandel
Vineyard Source	Brown Estate – Mickey's Block
Appellation	Napa Valley
Barrel Aging	12 months in 30% new oak, 50/50 French/American
Alcohol	15.8% by vol.
Production	700 cases in 12 x 750ml format

Vineyard Source

Our Mickey's Block zinfandel vineyard is located on the far west side of our property beside a seasonal stream at an elevation of 1100 ft. The soils are volcanic, rocky, and mineral rich, with ideal quantities of sand and clay. This tiny six-acre vineyard has long been coveted for its unusually small clusters and berry size, which provide maximum intensity due to the high ratio of skins to volume. Mickey's Block is our only zinfandel vineyard with a north-south orientation. Shaded in the morning, it gets the afternoon and evening sun, and is subject to a diurnal shift in temperature during the ripening season that allows us to gain maximal extraction and intensity.

Growing Season

The 2013 growing season was marked by steady, even, constant conditions. A mild and dry spring led to early budbreak with vigorous canopy growth and picture perfect fruit set and development. September surprised us with sudden slight showers that thankfully had virtually no impact on this flawless growing season. Following the dreamlike conditions of 2012, winegrowers once again thanked our lucky stars for another stellar year, where harvest commenced at our discretion and not in response to season-ending storms.

Tasting Notes

This visually stunning wine features a violet core with delicate vermilion rim. Vivacious aromas of sundrenched blue and black fruits dominate heavy citrus commingled with billowing red and purple flower potpourri. Delve deeper to discover submerged chocolate-covered orange Creamsicle and roasted sage with briar, shrouded by a familiar cascade of sultry spices. Allspice, cinnamon, and clove follow fading notes of savory pimento-roasted meat. Mouthfeel is silky and encompassing with a lingering finish that highlights seamless integration of lush, jammy, decadent fruit and just the right amount of vibrant acidity. Drink now through 2022.