

# BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

## BROWN ESTATE 2013 NAPA VALLEY ZINFANDEL

<b>Composition</b>	100% Estate Grown Zinfandel
<b>Vineyard Source</b>	Brown Estate – Chiles Valley, Mickey’s, Rosemary’s & Westside Blocks
<b>Appellation</b>	Chiles Valley District, Napa Valley
<b>Barrel Aging</b>	12 months in 30% new oak, 50/50 French/American
<b>Alcohol</b>	14.9% by vol.
<b>Production</b>	1100 cases in 12 x 750ml format 285 cases in 6 x 1.5L format

### Background

Our flagship Napa Valley Zinfandel historically has borne the responsibility of being the ultimate representative of what our property and its unique microclimate have to offer—the cream of the Brown Estate zinfandel crop blended into one stellar wine. As such, it is the most challenging zin we produce because it requires commingling of several distinct personalities into a singular well-adjusted protagonist. The fact that each vineyard’s qualities complement and enhance the others’ virtues is a testament to the integration, fluidity, and perpetual motion—the balancing act!—that is Brown Estate itself.

### 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

Beautiful, brilliant ruby core with delicate raspberry rim. A swirl of the glass induces cascades of subtle scarlet. Further coaxing opens evocative nose of ripe fruit with ethereal medium intensity. Notes of red cherry, black plum, and candied cranberry commingle with Brown Estate hallmarks of hibiscus blossom, pink grapefruit, clove, star anise, and Asian pear, followed by allspice, cinnamon, orange zest, and a hint of new leather. Succulent and extraordinarily juicy on the palate with dense concentration and rich mouthfeel, ripe with strawberry jam, vanilla, and delicate herbs de Provence. Seamless integration of jammy juiciness, vibrant acidity, and delicate tannins. Drink now through 2030. (We recommend cellaring 1.5L bottles until November 2015.)