

BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

BROWN ESTATE 2013 WESTSIDE ZINFANDEL

Composition	100% Estate Grown Zinfandel
Vineyard Source	Westside Vineyard, Brown Estate
Appellation	Chiles Valley District, Napa Valley
Barrel Aging	12 months in 30% new oak 50/50 French American
Alcohol	14.8% by vol.
Production	700 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.

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 a flawless growing season. Following the dreamlike conditions of 2012, winegrowers once again thanked our lucky stars for another superb year where harvest commenced at our discretion rather than in response to season-ending storms.

Tasting Notes

This wine is visually enchanting with a gorgeous ruby core and delicate translucent rose colored rim. Its demure appearance belies a sultry powerhouse. The nose begins with a billowing perfume of rambling wild strawberries in the field, brandied Maraschino cherry, grenadine, and gamey black currant. Following closely is a glorious rush of double delight rose petals with morning dew, hibiscus, subtle lilac, and mandarin orange essence. Time in the glass reveals cascading holiday spice, pound cake batter, and fresh heavy cream. Broad and expansive on the palate, this wine is smooth, silky, and juicy with magnificent structure, purity, length, and balance. Drink now thru 2025.