

BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

BROWN ESTATE 2014 MICKEY'S BLOCK ZINFANDEL

Composition	100% Estate Grown Zinfandel
Vineyard Source	Mickey's Block, Brown Estate
Appellation	Napa Valley
Barrel Aging	12 months in 30% new oak, 50/50 French/American
Alcohol	15.5% by vol.
Production	425 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.

Tasting Notes

Across the board our 2014 Zinfandels are characterized by maximal color and flavor extraction, making this a vintage for the ages. Like the 2012 vintage, our 2014 Mickey's Block Zin harkens back to the first bottling of 2009 with decadent stop-you-in-your-tracks ultra-ripe jammy fruit. Echoing 2012 to a tee, the 2014 is deep, dark, and dense with a garnet core and ruby/rose-colored rim. Nose bursts with ultra-ripe blackberries, black cherries, and hints of pot de crème and fresh baked piecrust. Earth, ember, and herb notes commingle with sweet star jasmine and effervescent citrus. Heavy-bodied, dense, and loaded with glycerine. Mouthfeel is rich and succulent with silky texture and long finish. Drink now through 2030.

Suggested pairing: Anything that is, was, or one day may be on your July 4th menu.