

# BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

## BROWN ESTATE 2014 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 300 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.

### Tasting Notes

Across the board our 2014 Zinfandels are characterized by maximal color and flavor extraction, making this a vintage for the ages. The Napa Zin boasts a stunning gemstone magenta core and ruby rim. True on the nose to our hallmark Brown Estate bouquet of rose petals, lily of the valley, hibiscus flowers, Asian apple, and effervescent citrus followed by dried apricot and peach. Medium body with silky mouthfeel, the palate at first delivers a burst of ripe red fruits, heavy cream, and loads of cascading exotic spice, finishing with a surprise of subtle crushed black pepper. Seamlessly integrated, elegant, and engaging. Drink now through 2022 to experience ripe fresh fruit, thereafter for a less fruity, earthier experience.