

BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

BROWN ESTATE 2014 WESTSIDE ZINFANDEL

Composition	100% Estate Grown Zinfandel
Vineyard Source	Westside 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 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.

Tasting Notes

Across the board our 2014 Zinfandels are characterized by maximal color and flavor extraction, making this a vintage for the ages. The 2014 Westside Zin is visually more dense than in previous years, sparkling with the crystal clarity of a garnet gem encircled by a soft-focus scarlet rim. Top notes of buoyant star jasmine and subtle rose garden meet ethereal hallmark notes of cola, clove, wild strawberries in the field, folded heavy cream, and baking spices, shadowed and grounded by dried herbs and earthiness. Mouthfeel-wise this wine glides over the palate with the grace of a prima ballerina. Drink now through 2020.

Suggested pairing: Ribs with Herbes de Provence and German potato salad.