

BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

BROWN ESTATE 2015 NAPA VALLEY ZINFANDEL “VINTAGE NO. 20”

Composition	100% Estate Grown Zinfandel
Vineyard Source	Brown Estate – Chiles Valley, Mickey’s, Rosemary’s & Westside Blocks
Appellation	Chiles Valley District, Napa Valley
Barrel Aging	12 months in 30% new oak, 50/50 French/American
Alcohol	15.2% by vol.
Production	1400 cases in 12 x 750ml format 375 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

Deep magenta core and scarlet rim sparkle with crystalline clarity. A swirl of the glass reveals Venezuelan chocolate commingled with embers that lead into creamy vanilla bean. Hallmark characteristics of hibiscus blossom, exotic Asian apple, and rose petal recall the earliest vintages of this wine, with time revealing ripe red plum with subtle earth and herbs. The 2015 vintage has a leaner countenance than its juicier predecessor, with a medium body and pleasant dryness on the palate that is reminiscent of a dried apricot fruit rollup. A zesty mid-palate twang of navel orange finishes off with a hint of black pepper. Magnificent structure, deep intensity, and seamless integration make this a wine that will linger on your palate and in your mind long after the last sip. Drink now through 2025.