

# BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

## BROWN ESTATE 2016 BROWN RECLUSE

*Like its namesake spider, we hope your encounter with this elusive wine will become the stuff of lore.* So reads the back label on our Brown Recluse, a reserve blend of cabernet sauvignon and zinfandel inspired by the wine David created for our first appearance at the Auction Napa Valley barrel auction. We bottle it only when Mother Nature permits, and David dials in a new ratio for each new vintage based on the qualities these two heterogeneous varietals derive from the growing season.

### Technical

**Composition:** 97% Estate Grown Cabernet Sauvignon  
3% Estate Grown Zinfandel

**Vineyard source:** Brown Estate — Terraces Block, Chiles Valley Zinfandel Block

**Appellation:** Napa Valley

**Barrel aging:** 18 months in 30% new French oak

**ABV:** 14.5%

**pH:** 3.73

**TA:** 6.9 g/L

**Production:** 200 cases in 12 x 750ml format

### Sensory

**Eye:** Garnet core with ruby rim.

**Nose:** Sweet potting soil, dried rose petals, black/boysenberry compote, savory roasted herbs. Secondary notes of green pepper, iron, graphite, English lavender, and winter spice.

**Palate:** Dense and enveloping with integrated tannins and long, lingering finish.

**Cellar life:** Drink now through 2035+.