

# BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

## **BROWN ESTATE 2016 NAPA VALLEY ZINFANDEL**

<b>Composition</b>	100% Estate Grown Zinfandel
<b>Vineyard Source</b>	Brown Estate – Big Field, Chiles Valley, Mickey’s, Rosemary’s
<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>	15.2% by vol.
<b>Production</b>	1000 cases in 12 x 750ml format 400 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**

Rich magenta hue in the glass. Nose opens with abundant floral notes of hibiscus, dried rose petals, and violet followed by fruit notes of black plum, blackberry, and dried orange peels. Nose finishes with fresh cut wood/sawdust, fir balsam, and a hint of tangy soy/umami. Medium-plus palate layered with bramble fruit up front, leading into dried herbs, exotic spices, and dusty earth. Long finish with well-balanced acid and tannins. Drink now through 2028.