

BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

BROWN ESTATE 2016 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	14.2% by vol.
Production	350 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 a stunning examples of this varietal. *It bears mentioning this is the last vintage of Westside Zinfandel from the original vineyard block bearing that name, which we ripped out in 2017 due to vine fatigue.*

Tasting Notes

The rustic nose on this wine opens with woody cedar and redwood notes followed by prominent dried black cherry and secondary aroma of figs with a faint hint of cocoa nib. Palate is a rich blend of muddled brandied maraschino cherries, sea salt, dusty dark chocolate, and cherry compote, punctuated with traces of nutmeg, cinnamon, and orange zest. Time in the glass brings out a deeper note of espresso with a hint of pipe tobacco. Light to medium body, approachable, balanced acidity and tannins, elegant on the palate with a lengthy finish. Drink now through 2025.