

BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

BROWN ESTATE 2017 BIG DAM CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Our Big Dam Cab represents our only single vineyard bottling of Cabernet Sauvignon from the Brown Estate property. It is named for its site on the face of our Big Dam reservoir, a 35-acre-foot lake fed by several perennial springs at the mouth of a steep ravine flanked by granite cliffs. At 1200 feet above sea level the Big Dam site commands spectacular sweeping northward views through the Chiles Valley. Its namesake wine is equally stunning both visually and on nose and palate.

Technical

Composition: 100% Estate Grown Cabernet Sauvignon

Vineyard source: Brown Estate, Big Dam Block

Appellation: Napa Valley

Barrel aging: 20 months in 50% new French oak

ABV: 14.5%

pH: 3.76

TA: 7.5 g/L

Production: 150 cases in 12 x 750ml format

Sensory

Eye: Magenta core, scarlet rim.

Nose: Boysenberries, blackberries, Chantilly cream, purple flowers, Luxardo cherry, traces of orange zest and subtle green pepper. Time in the glass reveals caramel-coated Granny Smith apple, Cara Cara orange with cloves, and hints of umami/miso and rose water.

Palate: Medium body, crisp structured texture, soft and supple finish.

Cellar life: Cellar through fall 2021 if possible (decant for ~45 mins. if not) then drink through 2035+.