

# BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

## BROWN ESTATE 2017 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:** 80% Estate Grown Cabernet Sauvignon  
20% Estate Grown Zinfandel

**Vineyard source:** Terraces Block, Far East Block, Mickey's Block

**Appellation:** Napa Valley

**Barrel aging:** 16 months in 30% new French oak

**ABV:** 14.5%

**pH:** 3.73

**TA:** 6.9 g/L

**Production:** 240 cases in 12 x 750ml format

### Sensory

**Eye:** Dark cherry/plum core, ruby rim.

**Nose:** Wintery notes of woods, earth, and herbs give way to lilac, sweet cloves, peppermint, and spring essence. Underlying dark black fruit, mocha java, berry compote, and tamarind chutney.

**Palate:** Medium body, lofty mouthfeel, supple with lithe tannins and long finish.

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