

BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

BROWN ESTATE 2017 MICKEY'S BLOCK ZINFANDEL

Our Mickey's Block Zinfandel vineyard is located on the far west side of our property beside a seasonal stream at an elevation of 1100 ft. The soils are volcanic, rocky, and mineral rich, with ideal quantities of sand and clay. This tiny six-acre vineyard has long been coveted for its unusually small clusters and berry size, which provide maximum intensity due to the high ratio of skins to volume. Mickey's Block is our only Zinfandel vineyard with a north-south orientation. Shaded in the morning, it gets the afternoon and evening sun, and is subject to a diurnal shift in temperature during the ripening season that allows us to gain maximal extraction and intensity.

Technical

Composition: 100% Estate Grown Zinfandel

Vineyard source: Brown Estate — Mickey's Block

Appellation: Napa Valley

Barrel aging: 12 months in 30% new oak, 50/50 French/American

ABV: 15%

pH: 3.82

TA: 6.9 g/L

Production: 700 cases in 12 x 750ml format

Sensory

Eye: Dark crimson core with ruby rim.

Nose: Yarrow, barnyard, earth, embers, herbs, peat moss, blewit mushrooms, Tootsie roll, wet clay. Time in glass reveals savory baking spices and roasted meat on open fire.

Palate: Full body, jammy core, mid-palate punch dissipates slowly.

Cellar life: Drink now through 2028.