

# BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

## **BROWN ESTATE 2017 RECLUSE ZINFANDEL**

Our Recluse Zinfandel represents a case study in the remarkably malleable nature of Zinfandel and its capacity to respond to lavish attention. We conceived of this “reserve” line of Zins with the intention of pushing the limits of refinement by using grapes that are hand-selected for their small size and deep intensity of flavor, and treating them to extended barrel aging in the finest French and American oak. The resulting wines demonstrate the capacity of Zinfandel, a distinctly new world varietal, to manifest lush texture and earthy old world characteristics.

### **Technical**

**Composition:** 95% Estate Grown Zinfandel  
2.5% Estate Grown Cabernet Sauvignon  
2.5% Estate Grown Petite Sirah

**Vineyard source:** 80% Brown Estate Zinfandel — Mickey’s & Eastside (Big Field)  
15% Frediani Vineyards Zinfandel — Calistoga  
2.5% Brown Estate Far East Cabernet Sauvignon  
2.5% Brown Estate Big Field Petite Sirah

**Appellation:** Napa Valley

**Barrel aging:** 16 months in 30% new oak, 50/50 French/American

**ABV:** 15.5%

**pH:** 3.66

**TA:** 7 g/L

**Production:** 475 cases in 12 x 750ml format

### **Sensory**

**Eye:** Deep ruby core, scarlet rim.

**Nose:** Black Forest gateau, Damask rose, gardenia, yarrow.

**Palate:** Silky, medium body, fine delicate tannins, kumquat rind on finish.

**Cellar life:** Drink now through 2028.