

# BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

## BROWN ESTATE 2017 TEMPRANILLO

In 2009 when we replanted our Big Field vineyard, David decided to install amidst the Zinfandel a one-acre section of Tempranillo alongside three acres of Petite Sirah. These were the first new varietals introduced on our property since 1990. David had already made one vintage (2008) of Petite Sirah from grapes purchased from a neighboring vineyard... but Tempranillo was a new venture altogether. With the first vintage (2013) it found its devotees, and it now has a permanent place on our annual production roster.

### Technical

**Composition:** 100% Tempranillo

**Vineyard source:** Brown Estate, Big Field

**Appellation:** Napa Valley

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

**ABV:** 13.2%

**pH:** 3.73

**TA:** 6.1 g/L

**Production:** 275 cases in 12 x 750ml format

### Sensory

**Eye:** Purple core, ruby rim.

**Nose:** Alpine forest, pipe tobacco, saddle, and graphite accented with purple flowers and raspberry hard candy. Secondary notes of pepper-and-coriander-crusting dry-aged beef, Tahitian vanilla, toasted brioche, meyer lemon zest.

**Palate:** Medium body, tight calcification relaxes with time in the glass.

**Cellar life:** Drink now through 2030+.