

BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

BROWN ESTATE 2018 CHILES VALLEY ZINFANDEL

Our first vintage of Chiles Valley Zin to incorporate non-estate fruit represents a dream David hatched many years ago in conversation with Jay Hemenway, our late neighbor and proprietor of Green & Red Vineyard. This 2018 edition introduces grapes from Green & Red as well as Storm Ranch, whose proprietor Bonnie Storm (of Grove 45 olive oil fame) is another longtime family friend. The anchoring Brown Estate component as always hails from our Chiles Valley block, dissected by a blue-line streambed that wedges between two steep hillsides to mimic a pass or gorge and creating a wind tunnel effect. Thanks to this waterway and an old chicken coop that predated our purchase of the property, the soils here are especially fertile. David's intention in expanding this wine to include components from elsewhere in the Chiles Valley is to articulate our subappellation's virtues beyond the confines of our property.

Technical

Composition: 100% Zinfandel

Vineyard source: Brown Estate (Chiles Valley Block)
Green & Red (Chiles Valley)
Storm Ranch (Chiles Valley)

Appellation: Napa Valley

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

ABV: 15.2%

pH: 3.64

TA: 7.0 g/L

Production: 1000 cases in 12 x 750ml format

Sensory

Eye: Deep magenta core, garnet rim.

Nose: Mexican chocolate, orange blossoms, sweet tobacco followed by cardamom, allspice, clove, and bay laurel. Residual notes of rose petals and raspberry hard candy.

Palate: Velvety on the palate with medium body and dusty tannins.

Cellar life: Drink now through 2030.