

# BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

## BROWN ESTATE 2019 CHAOS THEORY PROPRIETARY RED BLEND, LOT 2

Chaos Theory began as a one-off blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Zinfandel that David created for our first participation in the annual Premiere Napa Valley trade auction. It made such a splash he went back to the cellar to dial in the details so we could make it a permanent part of our lineup. Over the years this proprietary blend has become a shape-shifter, each vintage its own unique blend. (This second bottling from the 2019 vintage was produced during our 2020 winemaking season, by far the most chaotic production cycle in Brown Estate history due to wildfire impacts to our property.) Such has been our journey through the world of wine — a constant adventure that reminds us year in and year out that no matter how random or chaotic things may seem, amidst the mayhem there is reason, if not always rhyme.

### Technical

**Composition:** 55% Napa Valley Cabernet Franc  
35% Brown Estate Cabernet Sauvignon  
10% Monte Rosso Zinfandel

**Appellation:** Napa Valley

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

**ABV:** 14.5%  
**pH:** 3.72  
**TA:** 6.4 g/L

**Production:** 3500 cases in 12 x 750ml format

### Sensory

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

**Nose:** Ripe black fruit and dark chocolate underpin primary notes of graphite, pencil shavings, green pepper, vineyard dust, and anise. Nose is rounded out by hints of sassafras, heavy cream, lavender, violet, and Italian leather.

**Palate:** Dense and plush mouthfeel with delightful acidity, gentle tannins, and lingering finish.

**Pairing inspiration:** This exceedingly versatile food wine can play nicely with oxtail or mushroom pappardelle, black pepper-crusted steak, tri-tip with chimichurri, creamed spinach, skillet cornbread, whole roasted fish, lambchops with cherry chutney, and much more.

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