

BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

BROWN ESTATE 2019 EL DORADO ZINFANDEL

David has been making Zinfandel for nearly 25 years and while he remains pretty humble about it he is considered a “Zin master” in some quarters. In 2017, two small Zin growers in the Sierra Foothills who know someone who knows David pitched him a proposition: *We’d love to see what you can do with our fruit.* David was intrigued by the climate conditions which, albeit due to different factors, are relatively similar to the prevailing conditions at Brown Estate. He took on small quantities of fruit from both sites, blended together in 2017 to create our first non-estate Zinfandel bottling. For 2018 and 2019 (final vintage of a three-year run), we have standalone bottlings from one of these vineyards.

Technical

Composition: 100% Zinfandel

Vineyard source: Hawks Creek

Appellation: Sierra Foothills

Barrel aging: 10 months in 25% new American oak

ABV: 15.2%

pH: 3.62

TA: 7.5 g/L

Production: 425 cases in 12 x 750ml format

Sensory

Eye: Deep garnet core, scarlet rim.

Nose: Plum, bramble, and tart cherry notes commingle with sweet, spicy clove, allspice, and dried rose and herbs. Classic Zinfandel character evokes blackberry pie with whipped cream and orange zest.

Palate: Well-balanced lively fruit and bright acidity, crisp mouthfeel

Cellar life: Drink now through 2026.