

BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

BROWN ESTATE 2019 HOWELL MOUNTAIN ZINFANDEL

David has known Pat Beatty, whose father Mike was instrumental in establishing the storied Howell Mountain sub-appellation, for thirty years. In fact, the two may very well have bonded over a barrel of homebrew Zinfandel Pat brought over to our property pre-Brown Estate (which in hindsight raises the point that our little brother at the time may have been underage — but moving right along). Beatty Ranch's esteemed old-vine Zin was planted pre-World War I and grows on the western slope of Howell Mountain at an elevation of 1800 feet. Head-trained and dry-farmed, the vineyard sees ample daytime sunlight and enjoys cool nighttime temperatures, conditions similar to Brown Estate. This is the first of two vintages David will produce from this vineyard, which at the time of this writing is threatened by the Glass Fire.

Technical

Composition: 100% Howell Mountain Zinfandel

Vineyard source: Beatty Ranch

Appellation: Napa Valley

Barrel aging: 10 months in 30% new French oak

ABV: 14.9%

pH: 3.43

TA: 8.4 g/L

Production: 650 cases in 12 x 750ml format

Sensory

Eye: Deep ruby core, crimson rim.

Nose: Baked cherry pie a la mode, Tellicherry peppercorns, eucalyptus, and clove. Secondary notes of ripe pomegranate, cake batter, and hibiscus liqueur.

Palate: Medium body, smooth texture, bright acidity, plush finish.

Pairing inspiration: Braised short ribs with dried cherries and herbs, garlic rubbed cornish hens with parmesan potatoes, or butternut squash ravioli with brown butter sauce.

Cellar life: Drink now through 2035.