

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 vintage no. 2.

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.