

BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

BROWN ESTATE 2019 PETITE SIRAH

The fruit for this wine hails from a neighboring vineyard in our Chiles Valley subappellation of the Napa Valley AVA that was the source of the original 2008 fruit from which David made his first vintage of Petite Sirah. An outsider to the cult of noble grapes (as is Zinfandel), Petite Sirah is part underdog, part phoenix. Considered lacking in pedigree it triumphs paradoxically on the strength of its many overlooked virtues. A sort of alter ego to Cabernet Sauvignon, unburdened of noblesse oblige, it is everything its royal counterpart aspires to and more. Holding nothing back, neither reserved nor austere, its exuberance and unadulterated power deliver a wallop of fruit, game, and earth. David so enjoyed working with that first batch of Petite Sirah fruit he planted a small block on our property the following year. Our estate Petite Sirah currently is a component in Chaos Theory.

Technical

Composition: 85% Petite Sirah / 15% Zinfandel

Vineyard source: Gobbler Grove / Brown Estate

Appellation: Napa Valley

Barrel aging: 12 months in 40% new oak, 100% American

ABV: 14.5%

pH: 3.74

TA: 6.4 g/L

Production: 980 cases in 12 x 750ml format

Sensory

Eye: Magenta core, fuschia rim.

Nose: Initial aromas of herbaceous peat, damp bark, mushroom, tobacco, and smoked meat open to notes of dark red rose and early morning garden. Time in the glass reveals toasted brown sugar, whipped butter, subtle eucalyptus, dark cherry, black berry.

Palate: Full body, layered and highly-structured mouthfeel, grippy finish.

Cellar life: Drink now through 2031+.