

# BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

## BROWN ESTATE 2019 TEMPRANILLO

In 2009 when we replanted our Big Field vineyard, David decided to install amidst the Zinfandel a one-acre section of Tempranillo alongside three acres of Petite Sirah. These were the first new varietals introduced on our property since 1990. David had already made one vintage (2008) of Petite Sirah from grapes purchased from a neighboring vineyard... but Tempranillo was a new venture altogether. With the first vintage (2013) it found its devotees, and it now has a permanent place on our annual production roster.

### Technical

**Composition:** 100% Tempranillo

**Vineyard source:** Brown Estate, Big Field

**Appellation:** Napa Valley

**Barrel aging:** 12 months in neutral oak

**ABV:** 13.5%

**pH:** 3.83

**TA:** 5.8 g/L

**Production:** 300 cases in 12 x 750ml format

### Sensory

**Eye:** Deep garnet core, ruby rim.

**Nose:** Hibiscus tea, potpourri, and eucalyptus meet Bing cherry and effervescent citrus. Secondary notes of spice box, tobacco, and subtle worn leather.

**Palate:** Lean, light-bodied, and dry with bright acidity, dusty minerality, and excellent structure.

**Pairing inspiration:** Roasted duck with cheesy/creamy polenta or gnocchi with fresh peas and wild mushrooms.

**Cellar life:** Cellar til ~March 2022 then drink through 2030+.