

BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

BROWN ESTATE 2020 CHAOS THEORY PROPRIETARY RED BLEND

Chaos Theory began as a one-off blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Zinfandel that David created for our first participation in the annual Premiere Napa Valley trade auction. It made such a splash he went back to the cellar to dial in the details toward making it a permanent addition to our lineup. Over the years this proprietary blend has become a shape-shifter, each vintage its own unique blend. This 2020 vintage is officially our most chaotic — and possibly most miraculous — Chaos Theory ever due to a wild range of circumstances that impacted that production cycle. Such has been our journey through the world of wine, a constant adventure that reminds us year in and year out that no matter how random or chaotic things may seem, amidst the mayhem there is reason if not always rhyme... and from each season, great wine.

Technical

Composition: 50% Howell Mountain Zinfandel
20.5% Oakville Merlot
17.5% Coombsville Cabernet Franc
12% Calistoga Sangiovese

Appellation: Napa Valley

Barrel aging: 10 months in 30% new oak, 50/50 French/American

ABV: 14.5%
pH: 3.67
TA: 6.0 g/L

Production: 1875 cases in 12 x 750ml format + 600 cases in 6 x 1.5L format

Sensory

Eye: Deep crimson core, garnet rim.

Nose: Lily of the valley and banana blossom, delicate passionfruit, papaya, and allspice. Secondary notes of blueberry/boysenberry brioche, warm blackberries with maple sausage, Meyer lemon zest, traces of eucalyptus and cocoa.

Palate: Medium to full body with formidable structure and supple tannins.

Pairing inspiration: Cacio e pepe pasta, spicy fried chicken, chicken pot pie, veggie and/or lamb kebobs.

Cellar life: Drink now through 2035.