

BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

BROWN ESTATE 2020 PRIMITIVO

Primitivo and Zinfandel, both cloned from the same Croatian grape, are something like fraternal twins. In 2009 our 10-acre Big Field vineyard, formerly planted entirely to Zinfandel, was replanted to include small blocks of Petite Sirah (3 acres), Primitivo (2 acres), and Tempranillo (1 acre). The latter three now are stand-alone wines in the Brown Estate lineup. The present vintage is our third estate Primitivo bottling. This wine is characterized by high-definition spice notes — also present in more muted iterations in our estate Zinfandels — along with luxuriant fruit and floral notes and a hint of minerality. This is vintage no. 3.

Technical

Composition: 100% Estate Grown Primitivo

Vineyard source: Brown Estate — Big Field Block

Appellation: Napa Valley

Barrel aging: 10 months in neutral oak

ABV: 15%

pH: 3.64

TA: 6.7 g/L

Production: 400 cases in 12 x 750ml format

Sensory

Eye: Garnet core with magenta rim.

Nose: Lilac, rose, sage, allspice, anise, cardamom, and black pepper. Secondary notes of tobacco, morning garden, and sweet cedar.

Palate: Medium to light body, juicy mouthfeel, subtle cocoa dust on the finish.

Pairing inspiration: Hearty stews, grilled meats and veggies, any Mediterranean/Greek cuisine.

Cellar life: Drink now through 2032.