

# BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

## BROWN ESTATE 2020 RECLUSE ZINFANDEL

In this topsy-turvy production year David made an appellation departure for our Recluse Zinfandel, sourcing fruit from three small growers in the Sierra Foothills where climate conditions, albeit resulting from different factors, are not dissimilar to the prevailing conditions at Brown Estate. Though it was barrel aged for only ten months prior to bottling, this wine was bottle aged for eighteen months prior to release in September 2023. It's ready for its closeup... *and* to go the distance.

### Technical

**Composition:** 100% Zinfandel

**Vineyard source:** 45% Hawks Creek | 30% Element 79 | 25% Damiano

**Appellation:** Sierra Foothills

**Barrel aging:** 10 months in 30% new French oak

**ABV:** 15%

**pH:** 3.62

**TA:** 6.5 g/L

**Production:** 400 cases in 12 x 750ml format

### Sensory

**Eye:** Candy apple core, magenta rim.

**Nose:** Toasted bread, five-spice, savory minerality, dried rose petals, citrus peel, black cherry, subtle eucalyptus, sage.

**Palate:** Powerful and concentrated yet elegant and balanced, this opulent full-bodied Zin packs a wallop of ripe cherry/berry and candied spice flavors. Layered and vibrant with a soft, round texture, supple tannins, and enveloping finish.

**Pairing inspiration:** Classic beef stroganoff, eggplant parmigiana, croque monsieur, cioppino, hibiscus-harissa wood oven chicken, lamb curry. Pair with hearty fare!

**Cellar life:** Drink now through 2035.