

# BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

## BROWN ESTATE 2021 CALISTOGA ZINFANDEL

For our 2021 production cycle we've added an "appellation series" of Napa Valley Zinfandel bottlings from four new fruit sources in Calistoga, Oakville, and Yountville. This is the final release of the bunch, sourced from two old-time family-owned vineyards on opposite sides of the Valley floor, one bisected by the Napa River, the other in the shadow of The Palisades mountain range. Like its cohorts from Oakville and Yountville, this wine saw just six months in barrel, an approach intended to let the fruit shine. An array of early indicators between nose and palate signal another promising new Brown Zin in the aging. (If opening before fall 2022 do not necessarily decant but do allow it ample time to breathe, and swirl vigorously in the glass to aid aeration.)

### Technical

**Composition:** 100% Zinfandel

**Vineyard source:** Calistoga Confidential

**Appellation:** Napa Valley

**Barrel aging:** 6 months in 15% new French oak

**ABV:** 15.2%

**pH:** 3.58

**TA:** 6.9 g/L

**Production:** 690 cases in 12 x 750ml format

### Sensory

**Eye:** Magenta core, ruby rim.

**Nose:** Lively notes of tea rose, raspberry hard candy, and strawberry-banana creamsicle are grounded by subtle unearthed amphora.

**Palate:** Pomegranate, cinnamon, clove-studded orange, creamy butter, and brown sugar. Sticky mouthfeel with supple tannins and well-integrated fruit and acid.

**Cellar life:** Ideally cellar at least until fall 2022, then drink through ~2035.