

BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

BROWN ESTATE 2021 HOWELL MOUNTAIN ZINFANDEL

David has known Pat Beatty, whose father Mike was instrumental in establishing the storied Howell Mountain sub-appellation, for thirty years. In fact, the two may very well have bonded over a barrel of homebrew Zinfandel Pat brought over to our property pre-Brown Estate (which in hindsight raises the point that our little brother at the time may have been underage — but moving right along). Beatty Ranch's esteemed old-vine Zin was planted pre-World War I and grows on the western slope of Howell Mountain at an elevation of 1800 feet. Head-trained and dry-farmed, the vineyard sees ample daytime sunlight and enjoys cool nighttime temperatures, conditions similar to Brown Estate. This is vintage no. 4.

Technical

Composition: 100% Howell Mountain Zinfandel

Vineyard source: Beatty Ranch

Appellation: Napa Valley

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

ABV: 15.2%

pH: 3.56

TA: 6.6 g/L

Production: 1000 cases in 12 x 750ml format

Sensory

Eye: Magenta core, crimson rim.

Nose: Farmers market taffy, spun sugar, maraschino cherry, English trifle, and cherry tart followed by early morning garden and fresh cut flowers. Time in the glass reveals amphora, Italian leather, and cocoa nibs.

Palate: Medium plus body with enveloping mouthfeel, evocative of freshly picked near-ripe guava. Superb acidity, luxurious balance, lingering finish.

Cellar life: Drink now through 2035.