

BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

BROWN ESTATE 2021 MICKEY'S BLOCK ZINFANDEL

Our Mickey's Block Zinfandel vineyard is located on the far west side of our property beside a seasonal stream at an elevation of 1100 ft. The soils are volcanic, rocky, and mineral rich, with well-proportioned sand and clay. This six-acre vineyard historically has delivered high-intensity juice thanks to small berries and clusters. Our only Zin block with north-south orientation, it is shaded in the morning and enjoys full afternoon and evening sun and diurnal shift dynamics that achieve optimal extraction. *Mickey's typically is characterized by earth, embers, and herbs and the 2021 vintage tells that story in whispered form, seeking a patient listener. It is a hushed exhalation — one might say a veritable moment of silence — following a traumatic previous year riddled by drought and wildfires (etc.). This is vintage no. 13... a low-key phoenix from the ashes and a true teaching moment.*

Technical

Composition: 100% Estate Grown Zinfandel

Vineyard source: Brown Estate — Mickey's Block

Appellation: Napa Valley

Barrel aging: 13 months in 20% new French oak

ABV: 13.9%

pH: 3.81

TA: 5.4 g/L

Production: 750 cases in 12 x 750ml format

Sensory

Eye: Garnet core, scarlet rim.

Nose: Subtle notes of hibiscus tea, dried flowers, sweet soil, blackberry bramble, and pine needles followed by cherry pie, coffee bean, and effervescent citrus.

Palate: Lean, lithe, savory, and dry on the palate. Vibrant acidity, grippy tannins, long finish.

Cellar life: Cellar for as close to a year as possible then drink through 2030+.