

# BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

## BROWN ESTATE 2021 MONTE ROSSO ZINFANDEL

This wine is a landmark in Brown Estate's production history. The inaugural 2020 bottling was our first Sonoma Zin, hailing from the storied Monte Rosso Vineyard that since 2015 has been under the stewardship of Brenae Royal. Shortly before taking the helm as Vineyard Manager at Monte Rosso, Brenae visited Brown Estate with friends who are our wine club members. She and David struck up a friendship and a long-running conversation about farming old vines, and amidst the mayhem of 2020 he found himself walking a 127-year old vineyard block at Monte Rosso (E13, planted 1893) where, he reported, *Each vine is like an exquisite sculpture with a wild, chaotic "hairstyle" signaling its vibrant energy.* This wine comprises fruit from that block as well as E26 (planted 2008) and E55 (planted 1996, coincidentally the year of our very first vintage of Brown Zin), with vineyard elevations between 800-1050 ft. This is vintage no. 2.

### Technical

**Composition:** 100% Monte Rosso Zinfandel

**Appellation:** Sonoma Valley

**Barrel aging:** 13 months in 50% new French oak

**ABV:** 15.2%

**pH:** 3.38

**TA:** 8.3 g/L

**Production:** 630 cases in 12 x 750ml format

### Sensory

**Eye:** Pomegranate core, fuschia rim.

**Nose:** Freesia, lily of the valley, tea rose, blackberry, huckleberry, blueberry, raspberry. Secondary notes of maraschino cherry, red licorice, cara cara orange, kumquat. Undertones of subtle sage, bay laurel, white pepper, allspice, and cloves emerge with time in the glass.

**Palate:** Juicy, zesty, tangy, and tart with texture reminiscent of raw taffeta. High acidity, medium-plus tannins, medium-plus body. Lively, balanced, fun!

**Pairing inspiration:** Bacon roasted pork tenderloin; cioppino; linguine carbonara; lollipop lambchops; butternut squash with buckwheat polenta; tempura; lemon or honey roasted carrots with tahini yogurt.

**Cellar life:** Drink now through 2040.