

BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

BROWN ESTATE 2021 OAKVILLE ZINFANDEL

For our 2021 production cycle we've added an "appellation series" of Napa Valley Zinfandel bottlings from three new vineyard sources in Calistoga, Oakville, and Yountville. This is the final release of the bunch, sourced from Napa Valley's largest organically farmed vineyard. Like its cohorts from Calistoga and Yountville, this wine saw just six months in barrel, an approach intended to let the fruit shine. Its cascading layers, delicate on the nose and more intense on the palate, hint at years of showing and proving to come. (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: Oakville Confidential

Appellation: Napa Valley

Barrel aging: 6 months in 30% new French oak

ABV: 14.6%

pH: 3.57

TA: 6.5 g/L

Production: 700 cases in 12 x 750ml format

Sensory

Eye: Garnet core, ruby rim.

Nose: Framboise, blackberry, cherry, cedar, mocha, vanilla pod, cinnamon, dried herbs.

Palate: Vibrant and rich with lively red berry and spice, medium tannins, and a long finish.

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