

BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

BROWN ESTATE 2021 PETITE SIRAH

The estate fruit component for this wine hails from a small 3-acre block in our Big Field vineyard, with the balance of fruit sourced from a neighboring vineyard in our Chiles Valley subappellation. An outsider to the cult of noble grapes (as is Zinfandel), Petite Sirah is part underdog, part phoenix. Considered lacking in pedigree it triumphs paradoxically on the strength of its many overlooked virtues. A sort of alter ego to Cabernet Sauvignon, unburdened of noblesse oblige, it is everything its royal counterpart aspires to and more. Holding nothing back, neither reserved nor austere, its exuberance and unadulterated power deliver a wallop of fruit, game, and earth. Quiet as it's kept, Petite Sirah rivals Zinfandel as David's favorite varietal. Due to a skipped vintage in 2020, this is vintage no. 13.

Technical

Composition: 100 % Petite Sirah

Vineyard source: Brown Estate (70%)
Gobbler Grove (30%)

Appellation: Napa Valley

Barrel aging: 10 months in 30% new oak, 100% American

ABV: 14%

pH: 3.73

TA: 6.2 g/L

Production: 540 cases in 12 x 750ml format

Sensory

Eye: Onyx core, magenta rim.

Nose: Smoldering notes of forest floor, embered beets, sage, and smoked wild game provide a savory backdrop to secondary notes of black fruits and purple flowers. Time in the glass reveals eucalyptus grove and heavy whipped cream with caramelized brown sugar and subtle anise.

Palate: Bold, rich, and luxurious on the palate with full body, grippy tannins, and a layered reveal of fruit leather, triple creme brie, and baking spice.

Cellar life: Drink now through 2035+.