

BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

BROWN ESTATE 2021 YOUNTVILLE 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 first release of the bunch, sourced from an off-the-beaten-path site at the end of a storied lane on the Valley floor. With just six months in barrel our winemaking approach here is intended to let the fruit shine, a call it answers graciously even in its infancy. Its layered aromatics tease out on the palate, hinting at future greatness that at once begs *drink now* enjoyment and patient cellaring. Rewards will flow from either course; this is a young wine with an old soul — proceed accordingly. (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: Yountville Confidential

Appellation: Napa Valley

Barrel aging: 6 months in 30% new French oak

ABV: 14.9%

pH: 3.66

TA: 6.5 g/L

Production: 690 cases in 12 x 750ml format

Sensory

Eye: Garnet core, fuschia rim.

Nose: Morning mist, forest floor, blackberries, eucalyptus bark, bay laurel, raspberry liqueur, rose petals, fresh chamomile, cocoa nibs, and subtle mint.

Palate: Plush fruit, glycerine-tinged velvet texture, gentle tannins, effervescent citrus finish.

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