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NAPA VALLEY

BROWN ESTATE 2022 CHAOS THEORY RED BLEND

Chaos Theory began as a one-off (and back then irreverent) blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Zinfandel that David created for our first participation in the annual Premiere Napa Valley trade auction some 15+ years ago. After it made a splash, he went back to the cellar to dial in details so we could make it a permanent part of our lineup. Over the years, though, Chaos Theory has become a shape-shifter, each vintage its own unique blend reflecting the nature of our journey in the world of wine — a constant adventure that reminds us year in and year out that no matter how random or chaotic conditions may seem, amidst the mayhem there is reason, if not always rhyme... and from each season, great wine. This is vintage no. 18.

Technical

Composition: 37% Cabernet Franc 13% Merlot
21% Cabernet Sauvignon 8% Barbera
21% Zinfandel

Appellation: Sonoma Valley

Barrel aging: 8 months in 30% new French oak

ABV: 14.5%

pH: 3.57

TA: 6.3 g/L

Production: 3500 cases in 12 x 750ml format

Sensory

Eye: Dark garnet core, ruby rim.

Nose: Maraschino cherry, red licorice, effervescent citrus, rose garden, chamomile blossom, Italian leather, and creme de cassis followed by cardamom, clove, cinnamon, churned cream, fresh vanilla, and a touch of graphite.

Palate: Full body with juicy, creamy mouthfeel and supple tannins.

Pairing inspirations: Grilled ribeye with garden tomatoes and chimichurri; spicy pork ribs; bucatini with grilled veggies and parmesan; wood-fired mushroom pizza; charred broccolini with greens and feta; pot roast over coconut rice; grilled portobellos marinated in garlic ginger ponzu.

Cellar life: Drink now through 2035.