

# BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

## BROWN ESTATE 2022 HOWELL MOUNTAIN ZINFANDEL

David has known Pat Beatty, whose father Mike was instrumental in establishing the storied Howell Mountain sub-appellation, for thirty years. In fact, the two may very well have bonded over a barrel of homebrew Zinfandel Pat brought over to our property pre-Brown Estate (which in hindsight raises the point that our little brother at the time may have been underage — but moving right along). Beatty Ranch's esteemed old-vine Zin was planted pre-World War I and grows on the western slope of Howell Mountain at an elevation of 1800 feet. Head-trained and dry-farmed, the vineyard sees ample daytime sunlight and enjoys cool nighttime temperatures, conditions similar to Brown Estate. This is vintage no. 5.

### Technical

**Composition:** 100% Howell Mountain Zinfandel

**Vineyard source:** Beatty Ranch

**Appellation:** Napa Valley

**Barrel aging:** 8 months in 30% new French oak

**ABV:** 15.2%

**pH:** 3.72

**TA:** 5.2 g/L

**Production:** 700 cases in 12 x 750ml format

### Sensory

**Eye:** Garnet core, ruby rim.

**Nose:** Red fruits, white flowers, tobacco, licorice, herbaceous rosemary, and toasted sage.

**Palate:** Medium-bodied with silky mouthfeel. Plush, supple, round, seamless, and elegant.

**Pairing insp:** Kimchi fried rice with pork belly, turkish burgers with yogurt tahini sauce, curried chickpeas with coconut milk, pastrami on rye with aged gouda, mushroom and potato flatbread, spaghetti with marinara.

**Cellar life:** Drink now through 2035.