

BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

BROWN ESTATE 2022 MICKEY'S BLOCK ZINFANDEL

Our Mickey's Block Zinfandel vineyard is located on the far west side of our property beside a seasonal stream at an elevation of 1100 ft. The soils are volcanic, rocky, and mineral rich, with ideal quantities of sand and clay. This tiny six-acre vineyard has long been coveted for its unusually small clusters and berry size, which provide maximum intensity due to the high ratio of skins to volume. Mickey's Block is our only Zinfandel vineyard with a north-south orientation. Shaded in the morning, it gets the afternoon and evening sun, and is subject to a diurnal shift in temperature during the ripening season that allows us to gain maximal extraction and intensity. This is vintage no. 14, on the comeback following the 2021 vintage that was marked by generational trauma from the prior year's wildfires.

Technical

Composition: 100% Estate Grown Zinfandel

Vineyard source: Brown Estate — Mickey's Block

Appellation: Napa Valley

Barrel aging: 8 months in 40% new French oak

ABV: 15.2%

pH: 3.75

TA: 6.6 g/L

Production: 680 cases in 12 x 750ml format

Sensory

Eye: Ruby core, scarlet rim.

Nose: Intense floral aromatics include dried tea rose, English lavender, and hibiscus flowers underpinned by roasted herbs, eucalyptus, citrus, yarrow, and morning garden. Time in the glass brings forth notes of caramel apple, Italian leather, and bramble.

Palate: Juicy and ripe on the palate with a dry, tea-like mouthfeel. Medium body, medium-plus acidity, subtle kumquat rind on the finish delivers a lively sweet and tart sensation.

Pairing inspiration: Shepherd's pie, osso bucco, wood-fired pizza, bacon baked beans, spicy meatballs, potato leek soup, truffle grilled cheese with tomato bisque.

Cellar life: Drink now through 2035.