

BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

BROWN ESTATE 2022 ROSEMARY'S BLOCK ZINFANDEL

Our five-acre Rosemary's Block vineyard is the yin to Mickey's yang. Just a stone's throw away, Rosemary's grows in silt loam with east-west orientation and benefits from rhythmic shifts between the morning shade of an adjacent hillside, full daytime sun, and evening shade from a nearby stand of towering oak trees. The extended cool conditions that prevail in this vineyard encourage a striking balance of acid in the fruit that follows through to the wine. Rosemary's zingy acidity is a reliable standout, often expressing red fruit characteristics and effervescent citrus. 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 — Rosemary's Block

Appellation: Napa Valley

Barrel aging: 8 months in 35% new French oak

ABV: 15.2%

pH: 3.86

TA: 6.5 g/L

Production: 650 cases in 12 x 750ml format

Sensory

Eye: Deep garnet core, ruby rim.

Nose: Cherry, raspberry, and strawberry commingled with hints of red currants and delicate white flowers. Secondary notes of Kirsch jam, Asian spices, apple, rose petals, and subtle vanilla, nutmeg, and cedar.

Palate: Light and silky yet juicy with notes of herbaceous bramble, citrus, tart apple, and a dusting of cocoa. Vibrant acidity, excellent structure, medium-bodied with a long, dry finish and firm yet refined tannins.

Cellar life: Drink now through 2040+.