

BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

BROWN ESTATE 2022 TEMPRANILLO

In 2009 when we replanted our Big Field vineyard, we installed amidst the Zinfandel a one-acre block of Tempranillo — a varietal David long was interested in working with — as well as three acres of Petite Sirah and two acres of Primitivo. These were the first new varietals introduced on our property since 1990. David had already made one vintage (2008) of Petite Sirah from a neighbor's vineyard; Tempranillo and Primitivo (first bottling 2018) were entirely new ventures. With the inaugural 2013 vintage the Tempranillo found its place as a permanent addition to our annual production roster. This is vintage no. 9.

Technical

Composition: 100% Tempranillo

Vineyard source: Brown Estate, Big Field

Appellation: Napa Valley

Barrel aging: 6 months in neutral oak

ABV: 12.5%

pH: 3.2

TA: 5.9 g/L

Production: 325 cases in 12 x 750ml format

Sensory

Eye: Ruby core, garnet rim.

Nose: Clean, bright, and fresh with primary notes of dried purple flowers, dark cherry, subtle plum + secondary notes of bay laurel, tobacco, amaretto, coffee, cocoa nibs, Italian leather.

Palate: Dried cranberry, fig, Eugenia berries, and fruit leather. Raw silk mouthfeel with persistent grippy tannins.

Pairing inspo: Paella, baccalau, codfish fritters, grilled shrimp. black truffle mousse, fried fish sandwich with caviar cream sauce, or a good dark chocolate of 70+ percent cocoa!

Cellar life: Cellar until fall 2022 if you can then drink through 2035+.