

BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

BROWN ESTATE 2018 EL DORADO ZINFANDEL

David has been making Zinfandel for nearly 25 years and while he remains pretty humble about it he is considered a “Zin master” in some quarters. In 2017, two small Zin growers in the Sierra Foothills who know someone who knows David pitched him a proposition: *We’d love to see what you can do with our fruit.* David was intrigued by the climate conditions which albeit due to different factors are relatively similar to the prevailing conditions at Brown Estate. He took on small quantities of fruit from both sites, blended together in 2017 to create our first non-estate Zinfandel bottling. For 2018, we have a standalone bottling from one of those vineyards.

Technical

Composition: 100% Zinfandel

Vineyard source: Hawks Creek

Appellation: Sierra Foothills

Barrel aging: 12 months in 30% new French oak

ABV: 15.2%

pH: 3.68

TA: 6.8 g/L

Production: 380 cases in 12 x 750ml format

Sensory

Eye: Translucent garnet core, ruby rim.

Nose: Wild strawberries, raspberry hard candy, guava nectar. Secondary notes of dried rose petals, cinnamon, and clove lead to crème brûlée, toasted marshmallows, and caramel with lingering traces of lavender, brambleberry, and roasted sage.

Palate: Mouthfeel is ultra silky with medium body and excellent balance of acidity, glycerine, and fruit.

Cellar life: Drink now through 2026.