

BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

BROWN ESTATE 2018 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. 1.

Technical

Composition: 100% Howell Mountain Zinfandel

Vineyard source: Beatty Ranch

Appellation: Napa Valley

Barrel aging: 14 months in 25% new oak, 50/50 French/American

ABV: 14.9%

pH: 3.43

TA: 8.4 g/L

Production: 650 cases in 12 x 750ml format

Sensory

Eye: Magenta core, ruby rim.

Nose: Spicy, woody cardamom, clove, and potpourri followed by secondary notes of fresh taffy, funnel cake, and spun sugar, dark chocolate and Fuyu persimmon.

Palate: Plush, rich, and velvety on the palate, full-bodied with a long, lingering finish.

Pairing inspiration: Beef Wellington, spinach strudel, pork empanadas, homemade lasagna.

Cellar life: Drink now through 2030.