

BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

BROWN ESTATE 2018 TEMPRANILLO

In 2009 when we replanted our Big Field vineyard, David decided to install amidst the Zinfandel a one-acre section of Tempranillo alongside three acres of Petite Sirah. These were the first new varietals introduced on our property since 1990. David had already made one vintage (2008) of Petite Sirah from grapes purchased from a neighboring vineyard... but Tempranillo was a new venture altogether. With the first vintage (2013) it found its devotees, and it now has a permanent place on our annual production roster.

Technical

Composition: 100% Estate grown Tempranillo

Vineyard source: Brown Estate, Big Field

Appellation: Napa Valley

Barrel aging: 12 months in 30% new oak, 50/50 French/American

ABV: 12.5%

pH: 3.8

TA: 5.6 g/L

Production: 400 cases in 12 x 750ml format

Sensory

Eye: Ruby core, scarlet rim.

Nose: Lavender, rosemary, eucalyptus dried cherries, apricots and tangerine lead to decadent English trifle with hints of leather, tobacco, and graphite.

Palate: Lithe and silky with vibrant acidity, lingering finish, gentle tannins.

Cellar life: Drink now through 2030+.