BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

BROWN ESTATE 2021 PRIMITIVO

Primitivo and Zinfandel, both cloned from the same Croatian grape, are something like fraternal twins. In 2009 our 10-acre Big Field vineyard, formerly planted entirely to Zinfandel, was replanted to include small blocks of Petite Sirah (3 acres), Primitivo (2 acres), and Tempranillo (1 acre). The latter three now are stand-alone wines in the Brown Estate lineup. Our estate Primitivo is characterized by high-definition spice notes — also present in more muted iterations in our estate Zinfandels — along with luxuriant fruit and floral notes and a hint of minerality. This is vintage no. 4.

Technical

Composition: 100% Estate Grown Primitivo

Vineyard source: Brown Estate — Big Field Block

Appellation: Napa Valley

Barrel aging: 8 months in 50% new French oak

ABV: 13.5%
pH: 3.81
TA: 5.8 g/L

Production: 400 cases in 12 x 750ml format

Sensory

Eye: Translucent garnet core, crimson rim.

Nose: Ripe red cherry, plum, black licorice, Italian leather, roasted wild rosemary/sage, and blooming lilac. Secondary notes of candy apple, Asian spice, and heavy cream.

Palate: Bright and lively with lush fruit and zesty acidity. Medium body, grippy tannins.

Pairing inspiration: Slow-roasted beef with rosemary and garlic; black lentils or roasted eggplant with garlic labneh; spaghetti with Bolognese (or tomatoes, basil, and burrata); seafood stew; grilled octopus; ceviche!

Cellar life: Cellar until latter half of 2024… or decant for ≥ an hour before serving. Drink through 2034.