BROWN
NAPA VALLEY

BROWN ESTATE 2022 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Cabernet Sauvignon was the second varietal to appear under our Brown Estate label. Following four vintages of strictly Zinfandel production we began bottling our estate Cab Sauv with the 2000 vintage. This wine historically has been produced from two vineyards blocks on the east side of our property: our hillside Terraces Block at elevation 1300 feet, which long struggled to yield a few tons of sparsely clustered tiny berries with inky intensity, and our Far East Block, surrounded by oak trees in a protected amphitheater, which grows robustly and with minimal intervention. The former was heavily damaged by 2020 wildfire impacts; last harvested in 2021, it was ripped out in 2024. Commencing with the present 2022 vintage, our Estate Cab Sauv represents a single vineyard bottling from our Far East Block.

Technical

Composition: 100% Estate Grown Cabernet Sauvignon

Vineyard source: Brown Estate — Far East Block

Appellation: Napa Valley

Barrel aging: 13 months in 40% new French oak

ABV: 14.5%
pH: 3.82
TA: 5.7 g/L

Production: 150 cases in 12 x 750ml format

Sensory

Eye: Garnet core, ruby-magenta rim.

Nose: Ripe black currant, blackberry compote, and dark cherry layered with violet, cocoa nib, cedar, and tobacco leaf. Hints of graphite, clove, and sweet spice.

Palate: Plush tannins with a core of black plum, cassis, and kirsch commingle with mocha, licorice, and bay leaf. Full-bodied, velvety mouthfeel, concentrated yet balanced, long finish.

Pairing insprirations: Braised shortribs with polenta; lamb shank with rosemary & olives; roasted duck with plum sauce; mushroom & truffle ragout; aged Gouda or Comte; lentil & root vegetable stew; osso buco with gremolata; holiday roasts with similar accompaniments.

Cellar life: Drink now through 2042+.