

BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

BROWN ESTATE 2023 CHILES VALLEY ZINFANDEL

Our Chiles Valley Zinfandel was the first single vineyard Zin bottled under our Brown Estate label, for the 2002 vintage. Twenty-three years later this fan favorite has been on an odyssey that includes the introduction of non-estate fruit (2018) and two vintages (2019, 2020) lost to wildfire impacts. If not for the latter this would be vintage no. 22. Now technically vintage no. 20, this bottling realizes David's vision to source this wine fully off-property in order to (1) create a broader Chiles Valley expression and (2) allow our on-property Chiles Valley block to stand alone once again in our newly named Central Block Zin. The significance of the Central Block name speaks not just to its location on the ranch but to a bit of our family history pre-wine. Notes to follow when it's released in CY 2026. Meanwhile, enjoy this one :)

Technical

Composition: 100% Chiles Valley Zinfandel

Vineyard source: Dollar Ranch
Green & Red
Nichelini

Appellation: Napa Valley

Barrel aging: 8 months in 30% new French oak

ABV: 14.9%

pH: 3.84

TA: 5.8 g/L

Production: 990 cases in 12 x 750ml format

Sensory

Eye: Ruby core, magenta rim.

Nose: Sun-ripened blackberry and raspberry with hints of star apple. Trumpet flowers and water lilies add floral intrigue and a heady dulce de leche creaminess imparts a third dimension.

Palate: Medium body with rich yet finely textured mouthfeel. Crispy acidity seamlessly balances vibrant ripe fruit. Finesse-filled silky tannins + spice and floral notes make for a dynamic extended finish.

Cellar life: Drink now through 2035+.