

# BROWN

NAPA VALLEY

## BROWN ESTATE 2023 PETITE SIRAH

The estate fruit component for this wine hails from a small 3-acre block in our Big Field vineyard, with the balance of fruit sourced from a neighboring vineyard in our Chiles Valley subappellation. An outsider to the cult of noble grapes (as is Zinfandel), Petite Sirah is part underdog, part phoenix. Considered lacking in pedigree, it triumphs paradoxically on the strength of its many overlooked virtues. A sort of alter ego to Cabernet Sauvignon, unburdened of noblesse oblige, it is everything its royal counterpart aspires to and more. Holding nothing back, neither reserved nor austere, its exuberance and unadulterated power deliver a wallop of fruit, game, and earth. Due to a skipped vintage in 2020, this is vintage no. 15.

### Technical

**Composition:** 100 % Petite Sirah

**Vineyard source:** Brown Estate + Lizo Vineyards

**Appellation:** Napa Valley

**Barrel aging:** 9 months in 30% new American oak

**ABV:** 14.8%

**pH:** 3.78

**TA:** 5.7 g/L

**Production:** 690 cases in 12 x 750ml format

### Sensory

**Eye:** Opaque onyx core, vivid fuchsia rim.

**Nose:** Lush and layered with lead notes of boysenberry jam, black plum, blueberry compote. Wafting hints of violet, lilac, and rose commingle with gingerbread spice, clove, and cardamom. Traces of dark cocoa and cedar lie beneath.

**Palate:** Voluptuous dark fruit saturates the palate. Creamy texture carries through plush, polished tannins balanced by vibrant acidity. Long, lingering finish echoes ripe fruit and waves of spice.

**Pairing inspo:** Slow-braised shortribs; wild mushroom risotto; lamb tangine with prunes and almonds; black pepper-crusted ribeye; aged Gouda.

**Cellar life:** Drink now through 2042.