BROWN
NAPA VALLEY

**BROWN ESTATE 2023 YOUNTVILLE ZINFANDEL**

Our Yountville Zinfandel comes from a small picturesque vineyard a world away from our Chiles Valley hills. Our estate Zinfandels speak from the heart of Brown, where cool nights and late harvests give them their spice profiles and structure. This Yountville site offers a counterpoint from the center of the Valley floor: rounder, lifted, perfumed. It was the first in our 2021 appellation series to explore standalone Zinfandel expressions from elsewhere in the region; we called that inaugural bottling a young wine with an old soul. For 2023, a vintage likened by many to the legendary 1997, drought-ending rains and a long, moderate growing season let the fruit hang until the aromatics called time. The old soul is in full effect in this vintage no. 2 (we did not produce this wine in 2022).

***A NOTE ON THE SEDIMENT:*** *This wine is throwing a hearty dose of sediment that may present as a plug of sorts in the bottle neck once the cork is removed. Fear not! Using a wooden spoon end or similar implement, push the sediment into the bottle then decant using a sieve or coffee filter, as appropriate.*

**Technical**

**Composition:** 100% Zinfandel

**Vineyard source:** State Lane, Younvtille

**Appellation:** Napa Valley

**Barrel aging:** 11 months in 25% new oak, 50/50 French/American

**ABV:** 15.3%
**pH:** 3.77
**TA:** 6.2 g/L

**Production:** 700 cases in 12 x 750ml format

**Sensory**

**Eye:** Deep garnet core, fucshia rim.

**Nose:** Rose petals, potpourri, and ripe red cherry with whispers of eucalyptus, dried herbs, and sweet Cara Cara orange over a trace of graphite.

**Palate:** Rich, lush, and enveloping with medium-plus body and a glycerin tinge. Touches of effervescence, mandarin, and Cara Cara on midpalate with bright acidity keeping the ripe fruit lifted and seamlessly integrated for a long, lingering finish that is perfectly balanced.

**Cellar life:** Drink now through 2036.