



2007 OUTPOST HOWELL MOUNTAIN GRENACHE NAPA VALLEY

RELEASE DATE	OCTOBER 2009
APPELLATION	HOWELL MOUNTAIN ELEVATION 2,200 FEET ABOVE THE NAPA VALLEY FLOOR
WINEMAKER	THOMAS RIVERS BROWN
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% GRENACHE
PRODUCTION	325 CASES
ALCOHOL	15.5%
COOPERAGE	100% 2-5 YEAR OLD FRENCH OAK BARRELS

WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES

"IN 2007 WE FOLLOWED OUR USUAL PROTOCOL REGARDING STYLE WITH NO NEW WOOD, APPROXIMATELY 50% WHOLE CLUSTER AND A COMBINATION OF PUNCHDOWNS AND PUMPOVERS. WE BLEED 5% OF THE JUICE BY VOLUME OUT OF THE TANK 24 HOURS INTO THE COLD SOAK AND IT MADE A TREMENDOUS DIFFERENCE WITH REGARD TO COLOR AND CONCENTRATION. THE 2007 IS MORE OF A FIRM RED COLOR RATHER THAN THE RED/ORANGE HUE OF YEARS PAST. THE CONCENTRATION INCREASED AS WELL BY RAISING THE SKIN TO JUICE RATIO. THERE'S ALWAYS BEEN A BIT OF A DISCONNECT BETWEEN THE VISUAL APPEARANCE OF THE WINE AND ITS PALATE WEIGHT AND THAT IS STILL THE CASE WITH THIS VINTAGE. THE WINE MAY BE A BIT REDDER BUT IT'S STILL THE VARIETALLY CORRECT LIGHT RED OF A 100% GRENACHE WINE."—**THOMAS BROWN**

ROBERT PARKER'S WINE ADVOCATE TASTING NOTES

"THIS IMPRESSIVE EFFORT EXHIBITS A DEEP RUBY COLOR FOLLOWED BY CLASSIC NOTES OF LICORICE, KIRSCH LIQUEUR, AND CRUSHED ROCKS. SUPER-PURE WITH FULL-BODIED POWER, AND ACCESSIBLE, LUSH, COMPLEX FLAVORS."—**91-93 POINTS**