



2008 OUTPOST HOWELL MOUNTAIN ZINFANDEL NAPA VALLEY

RELEASE DATE	JUNE 2010
APPELLATION	HOWELL MOUNTAIN ELEVATION 2,200 FEET ABOVE THE NAPA VALLEY FLOOR
WINEMAKER	THOMAS RIVERS BROWN
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% ZINFANDEL
PRODUCTION	983 CASES
ALCOHOL	16.2%
COOPERAGE	100% FRENCH OAK BARRELS, 1/3 NEW, 1/3-1 YEAR-OLD, 1/3-2 YEAR-OLD

WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES

"THE ZINFANDEL FROM 2008 FEATURES A FIRMER, MORE SAVORY CONSTITUTION THAN IN YEARS PAST. THE FRUIT CONCENTRATION IS CERTAINLY THERE BUT IT'S THE COMPLEXITY THAT'S THE MOST STRIKING ELEMENT IN THIS WINE. USUALLY THE BRAMBLY, BRIARY ASPECT COUPLED WITH TANNIN SHUTS DOWN THE FRUIT COMPONENT OF THIS BOTTLING FOR THE FIRST FEW YEARS OF THE WINE'S LIFE. THAT'S NOT THE CASE HERE WHERE ALL THE NUANCES OF THE WINES ARE IN FULL BALANCE. IT'S HARD TO SAY WHY BUT MY GUESS IS THIS IS THE BEST WE'VE DONE MANAGING TANNINS IN THE ZINFANDEL. GIVEN HOW LATE WE PICK AT OUTPOST, WE WERE FULLY AWARE OF THE POTENTIAL CONCENTRATION AND TANNIN CAPABILITY PRESENT IN 2008 WHEN THESE GRAPES CAME INTO THE WINERY."—THOMAS BROWN