



**2009 Outpost True Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon
Napa Valley**

<i>Release Date</i>	February 2012
<i>Appellation</i>	Howell Mountain 1800 feet above the Napa Valley floor
<i>Winemaker</i>	Thomas Rivers Brown
<i>Varietal composition</i>	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
<i>Production</i>	308 Cases
<i>Cooperage</i>	100% New French Oak Barrels

Winemaker Tasting Notes

Coming on the heels of a drought year followed by a second dry winter, True got off to an early spring bud-break. Unlike '08 though, the frost season was largely uneventful and we set our first “normal” crop since 2006. The early start turned out to be a blessing as we were able to harvest at our leisure well before the October 12th storm. As rugged a site as this is there's always plushness in the finished wine that sets it apart from all other Howell Mountain wines we have tried. The minerality and floral components from the past several years are there even as the fruit elements continue to darken in the wine. This remains the most unique wine produced at the winery every year and a worthy successor to the great 2007 and 2008 editions.