



## **2011 OUTPOST HOWELL MOUNTAIN GRENACHE NAPA VALLEY**

<b>RELEASE DATE</b>	<b>JULY 2013</b>
<b>APPELLATION</b>	<b>HOWELL MOUNTAIN ELEVATION 2,200 FEET ABOVE THE NAPA VALLEY FLOOR</b>
<b>WINEMAKER</b>	<b>THOMAS RIVERS BROWN</b>
<b>VARIETAL COMPOSITION</b>	<b>100% GRENACHE</b>
<b>PRODUCTION</b>	<b>171 CASES</b>
<b>COOPERAGE</b>	<b>100% 1-5 YEAR OLD FRENCH OAK BARRELS</b>

### **Winemaker Tasting Notes**

Spring time on Howell Mountain was cooler causing bud break to happen later than the valley floor. Above the fog we had crystal clear skies and warm weather making 2011 one of the better vintages we have seen in the last six years.

#### **2011 Outpost Grenache**

Lower yields contributed to concentrated flavors and radiant aromatics in the 2011 Outpost Grenache. Winemaking has kept true to form using 100% whole cluster fermentation and all neutral oak during barrel aging. A multidimensional wine imparting characteristics of black tea, dried herbs, lavender, white pepper and strawberries. The 2011 Outpost Grenache is one of our smallest productions to date.