



**2011 OUTPOST HOWELL MOUNTAIN CABERNET SAUVIGNON
NAPA VALLEY**

<i>RELEASE DATE</i>	JANUARY 2014
<i>APPELLATION</i>	HOWELL MOUNTAIN
<i>WINEMAKER</i>	THOMAS RIVERS BROWN
<i>VARIETAL COMPOSITION</i>	100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON
<i>PRODUCTION</i>	700 CASES
<i>COOPERAGE</i>	80% NEW FRENCH OAK

TASTING NOTES

Each year we selectively choose the best lots from the estate to comprise the Outpost Cabernet Sauvignon. Sitting at 2,200 feet above sea level this vineyard rises above the fog delivering warm weather and sunny blue skies. The 2011 Outpost Cabernet is a graceful example of mountain tannins with a rich creamy mid palate. A balanced wine with notes of blue and black fruit, crushed rock, licorice and spice.

From The Wine Advocate:

The 2011 Cabernet Sauvignon Howell Mountain wraps around the palate with blue and black fruit, grilled savory herbs, mint, licorice and violets. This medium-bodied Cabernet Sauvignon strikes a gorgeous balance in all of its elements. Vibrant and totally beautiful, it is one of the most promising wines of the vintage in its price range. Anticipated maturity: 2016-2025

This property high on Howell Mountain at an amazing elevation of 1,800 feet is owned by Kathy and Frank Dotzler. The debut vintage was 1998. They had the good sense to bring in Thomas Brown as their winemaker, and the results have included some terrific wines. This current group proves several points: 1. 2011 was a remarkably fine vintage on Howell Mountain; 2. Outpost is intent on producing some of the world's finest wines; and 3. if you are a lover of complex, delicious wines, you should check out Outpost.