



OUTPOST HOWELL MOUNTAIN ZINFANDEL 2024

Our Zinfandel comes entirely from our estate property located at 2,200 feet in elevation. Outpost grapes are harvested late in the season - by hand, at midnight - to preserve the full intensity and distinctive spicy character of the mountain fruit. Wines are neither fined nor filtered, allowing for the full expression of the vintages' potential.

The vintage

The 2024 vintage in Napa Valley, particularly on Howell Mountain, unfolded as a season of dynamic contrasts. Generous winter rainfall replenished water reserves and supported vigorous, healthy vine growth. Elevated sites such as Outpost and True Vineyard, situated above the valley floor, benefited from excellent drainage and remained well protected from the storms below.

A notably warmer summer naturally limited yields while enhancing fruit intensity and concentration. A welcome cooling period in September allowed for steady flavor development and refined tannin maturity, followed by early October warmth that brought the fruit to optimal ripeness and guided a timely harvest across both vineyards.

Careful vineyard management and meticulous sorting resulted in smaller quantities, but exceptional quality. The wines reveal deep color, impressive concentration and a harmonious balance, with beautifully ripe, polished tannins that express both the power and elegance known of Howell Mountain.

Tasting Notes

Dense, deeply colored and classically mountain-grown, the 2024 Zinfandel captures both the power and freshness of Howell Mountain. Aromas of blackberry, boysenberry and dried dark fruits are framed by crushed white pepper and forest floor. The palate reveals layers of blackberry preserves, sweet raspberry, cedar and clove, lifted by vibrant natural acidity. Concentrated yet beautifully composed, the wine finishes with lingering savory spice and remarkable balance.

Technical Information

Blend: 100% Wente Clone of Zinfandel

Ageing: 13 months in oak, with 28% new oak in a combination of Burgundy barrels and puncheons

Production: 1,025 cases

Consulting winemaker: Thomas Rivers Brown

Winemaker: Tommy Ufland

