



2005 Outpost Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley

<i>Release Date</i>	February 2008
<i>Appellation</i>	Howell Mountain
<i>Winemaker</i>	Thomas Rivers Brown
<i>Varietal composition</i>	100% Cabernet
<i>Production</i>	265 Cases
<i>Cooperage</i>	75% new French oak barrels

The Winemakers Tasting Notes

We really enjoy watching the Cabernet program develop. In thinking about the program, we believe we will continue to bottle two wines. One will be the best lots from TRUE VINEYARD and the other will be from Outpost Vineyard proper. This Outpost estate blend will marry the best lots from around the winery (including two new promising blocks that came on 2007) creating what we believe will be a more accessible Howell Mountain estate Cabernet. We will of course continue to bulk out anything below our lofty standards. The nose for the 2005 is very expressive with notes of mocha, balsam, cocoa, pain grille. The palate consists of black/dark red fruits, pepper and spearmint and is rather juicy and forward for young Howell Mountain Cabernet. This is a wine to enjoy while waiting for the TRUE bottling to come along.