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1998 OUTPOST HOWELL MOUNTAIN ZINFANDEL NAPA VALLEY

RELEASE DATE	AUGUST 2000
APPELLATION	HOWELL MOUNTAIN ELEVATION 2,200 FEET ABOVE THE NAPA VALLEY FLOOR
WINEMAKER	THOMAS RIVERS BROWN
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% ZINFANDEL
PRODUCTION	400 CASES
ALCOHOL	16.0%
COOPERAGE	100% FRENCH OAK BARRELS, 1/3 NEW, 1/3-1 YEAR-OLD, 1/3-2 YEAR-OLD

WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES FROM MAY 2006

*"A TOUGH BRANNY, DRIED NUTS, DRIED BLACK FRUITS, FULLY EVOLVED PALATE
THOUGH COLOR STILLS HOLDS RIGHT TO THE RIM. ALL SWEET FRUIT, EARLY SPICE
COMPONENT HAS FADED TO THE BACKGROUND, SOME STEWED RED FRUIT, DRINK
OVER THE NEXT YEAR."—THOMAS BROWN*

STEPHEN TANZER'S INTERNATIONAL WINE CELLAR

*"BRIGHT DEEP RUBY-RED. PORT-LIKE AROMAS OF MACERATED CHERRIES, ORANGE
PEEL, CHOCOLATE AND GAME, PLUS AN EXOTIC WHIFF OF APRICOT.
SUPERCONCENTRATED, THICK AND SWEET, WITH FLAVORS OF ROASTED BLACK
RASPBERRY AND ESPRESSO. SOUND ACIDITY FRAMES AND EXTENDS THE FRUIT
THROUGH A LONG, PUNGENTLY PEPPERY FINISH. TANNINS ARE CHEWY BUT RIPE.
VERY IMPRESSIVE FOR '98 HOWELL MOUNTAIN ZIN."—91-93 POINTS*

JAMES LAUBE-WINE SPECIATOR

*"UNUSUALLY DARK, ESPECIALLY FOR THE VINTAGE, VERY RIPE AND RACY, WITH LOTS
OF JAMMY WILD BERRY, BLACK BERRY, BOYSENBERRY, GAINING A LIFT ON THE
FINISH, WHERE IT TURNS ELEGANT AND POLISHED, WITHOUT HEAVY TANNINS. DRINK
NOW THROUGH 2008."—93 POINTS*

