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2003 OUTPOST HOWELL MOUNTAIN ZINFANDEL NAPA VALLEY

RELEASE DATE	AUGUST 2005
APPELLATION	HOWELL MOUNTAIN ELEVATION 2,200 FEET ABOVE THE NAPA VALLEY FLOOR
WINEMAKER	THOMAS RIVERS BROWN
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% ZINFANDEL
PRODUCTION	900 CASES
ALCOHOL	16.2%
COOPERAGE	100% FRENCH OAK BARRELS, 1/3 NEW, 1/3-1 YEAR-OLD, 1/3-2 YEAR-OLD

WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES FROM MAY 2006

"SUPER CLEAN, VERY FOCUSED NOSE, CLASSIC VINTAGE IN EVERY RESPECT. CREAMINESS JUST STARTING TO POKE THROUGH, BIG BAKING SPICE AS OPPOSED TO PEPPER. HEAVY KIRSCH, TANNINS BEGINNING TO UNWIND, NEEDS TIME OR A LOT OF DECANTING."—THOMAS BROWN

STEPHEN TANZER'S INTERNATIONAL WINE CELLAR

"DARK RED-RUBY. PENETRATING AROMAS OF CASSIS, BLACKBERRY AND LICORICE, WITH A MINERAL FIRMNESS THAT CARRIES THROUGH ONTO THE PALATE. THIS HIGHLY CONCENTRATED ZIN BEGAN A BIT BRUTAL BUT TURNED THICK AND CREAMY WITH AERATION, WHILE MAINTAINING LOVELY LIFT FROM ITS LICORICE AND ORANGE PEEL FLAVORS. VERY DENSELY PACKED AND SWEET, WITH PLENTY OF MATERIAL TO BUFFER ITS 16.2% ALCOHOL."
—90 POINTS