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2008 OUTPOST HOWELL MOUNTAIN GRENACHE NAPA VALLEY

RELEASE DATE	JUNE 2010
APPELLATION	HOWELL MOUNTAIN ELEVATION 2,200 FEET ABOVE THE NAPA VALLEY FLOOR
WINEMAKER	THOMAS RIVERS BROWN
VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% GRENACHE
PRODUCTION	215 CASES
ALCOHOL	15.2%
COOPERAGE	100% 1-5 YEAR OLD FRENCH OAK BARRELS

WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES

"DUE TO THE VERY WARM AND DRY SPRING IN 2008, THE BERRIES IN THE GRENACHE BLOCK WERE SMALLER THAN WE HAD EVER SEEN. ALL OF THE ELEMENTS PRESENT HERE ARE IN GREATER ABUNDANCE THAN EVER BEFORE: COLOR, TANNIN, SAVORY ELEMENTS AND FRUIT EXTRACT. THOUGH THE COLOR MAY ONCE AGAIN NOT SUGGEST IT, WE'D RECOMMEND SITTING ON THIS WINE FOR A COUPLE OF YEARS. LIKE THE 2007, WE BLEED 5% JUICE FROM THE TANK 24HOURS INTO COLD SOAKING TO MOVE THE COLOR OF THIS WINE TO A MORE SOLID RED. WE ALSO BEGAN THE FERMENTATION WITH 50% WHOLE CLUSTER, BUT IN 2008, WE KEPT ASIDE A LITTLE 100% STEM FERMENT THAT EVENTUALLY WAS BLENDED INTO THE FINAL WINE. OUR FINISHED BLEND IS A BIT CLOSER TO 60% WHOLE CLUSTER IN 2008 AS OPPOSED TO THE 50% IN 2005-2007"—THOMAS BROWN