



**2009 Outpost Howell Mountain Petite Sirah “The Other”
Napa Valley**

<i>Release Date</i>	February 2012
<i>Appellation</i>	Howell Mountain 2,200 feet above the Napa Valley floor
<i>Winemaker</i>	Thomas Rivers Brown
<i>Varietal composition</i>	100% Petite Sirah
<i>Production</i>	195 cases
<i>Cooperage</i>	50% new French oak barrels 50% used

Tasting Notes:

A return to drinkability is what you first notice in the 2009 Petite Sirah. The concentration is there of course but it's nicely buffered by a round, fruit sweetness that keeps the tannic impact at bay through the mid-palate and finish. The vintage conditions contribute this quality with a nice moderate growing season up on the mountain. Whereas the '08 was driven by soil notes and structure, this wine is more fruit: crushed blackberries, blueberries, licorice and black pepper.