



**2010 OUTPOST HOWELL MOUNTAIN CABERNET SAUVIGNON
NAPA VALLEY**

<i>RELEASE DATE</i>	JANUARY 2013
<i>APPELLATION</i>	HOWELL MOUNTAIN
<i>WINEMAKER</i>	THOMAS RIVERS BROWN
<i>VARIETAL COMPOSITION</i>	95% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 2.5% CAB FRANC, 2.5% MERLOT
<i>PRODUCTION</i>	350 CASES
<i>COOPERAGE BARRELS</i>	90% NEW FRENCH OAK

WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES

The 2010 harvest season was marked by cooler temperatures. Constant vigilance and rigorous canopy management averted mildew and pest problems. Lower yields and meticulous sorting resulted in concentrated flavors that produced elegant and structured wines. The 2010 Outpost Howell Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon is a great example of how to tame mountain tannin. Each year the blending session becomes more of a challenge. This year only 4 out of the 5 clones grown on the estate were used in the final blend. Distinctively Howell Mountain, this wine has a silky mouth feel with just the right amount of structure to add complexity to the finish. Aged 20 months in 90% New French Oak, the finished wine has characteristics of white flowers, baking spices and mocha that shine through the dark fruit core.

From Antonio Galloni- Wine Advocate

The 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon bursts from the glass with an exciting array of black cherries, licorice, grilled herbs and new leather. It shows gorgeous textural finesse and elegance all the way through to the round, textured finish. This is an absolutely gorgeous bottle of Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon. Anticipated maturity: 2015-2025