

2012 Outpost True Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

Release Date January 21st, 2014

Appellation Howell Mountain

Winemaker Thomas Rivers Brown

Varietal composition 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Production 250 Cases

Cooperage 90% new French oak

Winemaker's Tasting Notes:

From The Wine Advocate

There are 250 cases of the 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon True Vineyard, which is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon aged in 90% new French oak. This cuvée ratchets up the levels of structure and tannin, but shares similar notes of blackberries, blueberries, floral, forest floor and spice. It is a broad-flavored, multidimensional wine built like a skyscraper. However, unlike the regular Cabernet Sauvignon, this offering requires patience because of some significant tannin. Forget it for 4-5 years and drink it over the next two decades.

This is a fabulous source of terrific wines from owners Kathy and Frank Dotzler and their multi-talented winemaker, Thomas Rivers Brown. Not only are the wines outstanding, but their pricing policy is among the less ego-driven in Napa Valley. That is to be applauded.