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OUTPOST HOWELL MOUNTAIN CABERNET SAUVIGNON
2023

Our Estate Cabernet Sauvignon comes from the very best vineyard blocks located between 1,800 and 2,200 feet in elevation. Grapes from each block within the vineyard are fermented separately so that our winemaking team can be very selective about the lots that comprise the final blend. Wines are neither fined or filtered allowing for the full expression of the vintages' potential.

Tasting Notes

"There's lovely depth of dark fruit balanced by lifted perfume and mineral undertones. Aromas of black currants, blackberries, spices, black olives and dark chocolate. The palate is textural and rounded with mineral tension, leading to a vibrant, precise and focused finish. The vintage shines. Drink or hold." *JamesSuckling.com, Ryan Montgomery, 96 Points*

"The herbal notions are more like thyme and sage alongside lovely blackcurrant fruit. Full-bodied and supple, with a silky feel, the wine finishes with impressive length and hints of mocha and dark chocolate." *Robertparker.com, Joe Czerwinski, 94-96 Points*

The vintage

2023 proved to be a stellar vintage for the entire Napa Valley, Howell Mountain in particular. Abundant winter rainfall replenished water reserves, and a cool spring extended budbreak while promoting vigorous vine growth. Although veraison progressed slowly across the valley, the higher elevations of Outpost and True Vineyard, above the fog line, ensured steady and uniform ripening. With no major weather extremes, harvest timing could be carefully controlled, resulting in generally average to above-average yields and outstanding fruit quality. The vintage is marked by dense color, excellent concentration, bright acidity, and finely polished tannins,

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producing wines that clearly reflect both their vineyards and this remarkable year.

Technical Informations

Blend: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Ageing: 18 months in 85% new French oak barrels
Production: 1780 cases
Winemaker: Thomas Rivers-Brown