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Outpost Howell Mountain "True Vineyard" Cabernet Sauvignon 2023

This Cabernet Sauvignon comes entirely from our True Vineyard located at 1,800 feet in elevation. Wines are neither fined or filtered allowing for the full expression of the vintages' potential.

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

Tasting Notes

"Offering impressive complexity on the nose, the 2023 Cabernet Sauvignon True Vineyard seamlessly marries floral, piney notes with blueberries and cherries, underscored by dark chocolate and earth. Full-bodied, creamy and lush, this starts off almost like one of winemaker Thomas Rivers Brown's sexy valley-floor offerings, but then the texture and tannins slowly build in intensity, showing tremendous longevity and a layered weave on the lingerie finish. *Robertparker.com, Joe Czerwinski, 98-100 Points*

"Lifted and perfumed aromas of mulberries, black olives, crushed stones, black currants and coffee beans. The palate is full-bodied with mouthwatering tannins and a rounded texture, giving a balanced, minerally finish that lingers. Refined and made with precision and focus. Drink or hold." *JamesSuckling.com, Ryan Montgomery, 98 Points*

Technical Information

Blend: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Ageing: 18 months in 85% new French oak barrels
Production: 633 cases
Winemaker: Thomas Rivers Brown