



**BLACKBIRD
VINEYARDS**

Artisanal producer of Pomerol inspired wines

MERLOT – FRENCH PATOIS FOR “LITTLE BLACKBIRD”

WINEMAKER: *Sarah Gott* **PROPRIETOR:** *Michael Polenske*

"The 2003 Blackbird Vineyards wine offers beautiful aromas of ripe red fruit, roasted plum, and mocha. It has an elegant feel, with sweet, ripe tannins and a good acidic balance, allowing the finish to linger on the palette."

-WINEMAKER, SARAH GOTT

2003 NAPA VALLEY MERLOT

BLEND: *95% Merlot—5% Cabernet Sauvignon*
HARVEST: *October 17th, 2003*
RELEASE: *November 2005*
BARREL REGIME: *21 months in French Oak barrels*
55% new and 45% seasoned
ALCOHOL: *14.8%*
Unfiltered and Unfined

THE BLACKBIRD VINEYARD

APPELLATION: *Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley*
VINEYARD SIZE: *10 Acres*
VINES: *5,717 planted in 1997*
TOPOGRAPHY: *Valley Floor*
VARIETAL: *Merlot*
CLONE: *3*
ROOT STOCK: *110R*



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