

BLACKBIRD VINEYARDS

Artisanal producer of Pomerol inspired wines

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2005 NAPA VALLEY PROPRIETARY RED WINE

Optimal with decanting, this elegant blend of predominately Merlot offers aromas of ripe plum, currant, mocha, and violets. Layers of concentrated black fruit flavors give way to dense, yet integrated tannins on the palate. The wine's finish reveals well-balanced fruit, acidity and alcohol which allow for its longevity.

BLEND:	<i>96% Merlot - 4% Cabernet Sauvignon</i>
HARVEST:	<i>October 10, 2005</i>
RELEASE:	<i>Fall 2007</i>
BARREL REGIME:	<i>20 months in French Oak barrels - 70% new, 30% seasoned</i>
PH:	<i>3.63%</i>
TOTAL ACIDITY:	<i>0.52</i>
ALCOHOL:	<i>14.5%</i>
	<i>Unfiltered and Unfined</i>
PRODUCTION:	<i>1,120 cases</i>
OPTIMUM DRINKING:	<i>2008 - 2017</i>



THE BLACKBIRD VINEYARD

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

Every element of Blackbird's multi-faceted wine portfolio draws inspiration from this singular, Pomerol-inspired Merlot. It is an undiluted illustration of the passion, time and concentration invested in creating elegant, multi-layered wines. Blackbird's Proprietary Red Wine challenges the notion that Cabernet Sauvignon is the only age-worthy red wine crafted in the Napa Valley.

The heart is full of infinite possibilities...

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