

BLACKBIRD
VINEYARDS
ARRIVISTE

Artisanal producer of Pomerol inspired wines

WINEMAKER: *Sarah Gott*

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PROPRIETOR: *Michael Polenske*

2007 ARRIVISTE NAPA VALLEY ROSÉ WINE 

Vibrant pink in color, this rosé style wine features a harmonious blend of Merlot and Cabernet Franc varietals. The 2007 vintage reveals an aromatic nose of spice, grapefruit, strawberry and cherry. On the crisp palate, citrus and red fruit flavors meld together with a focused minerality to produce a wine of great clarity and depth. Bright acidity frames the wine's fresh, lingering fruit finish.

BLEND:	<i>80% Merlot - 20% Cabernet Franc</i>
HARVEST:	<i>Fall 2007</i>
RELEASE:	<i>Spring 2008</i>
FERMENTATION:	<i>Cold fermented for 6 weeks, sur lies and cold stored</i>
PH:	<i>3.16%</i>
TOTAL ACIDITY:	<i>0.48</i>
ALCOHOL:	<i>13.2%</i>
PRODUCTION:	<i>333 cases</i>
OPTIMUM DRINKING:	<i>2008 - 2009</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>

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Inspired by “les gitanes,” the gypsies of St. Emilion, Blackbird Vineyard's Arriviste captures the high-spirited nature of winemaking. This vibrant, puckish rosé conjures images of summer twilights and harvest moons. While it hints at the flavors of Merlot and Cabernet Franc that frame it, Arriviste is not a wine to demystify. It is simply a wine to enjoy.

Everyone loves an upstart...

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