



**BLACKBIRD
VINEYARDS**

Artisanal producer of Pomerol inspired wines

MER•LOT \MER-'LÔ\ ,— FRENCH PATOIS FOR “LITTLE BLACKBIRD”

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

“The Premiere release of our Paramour wine exhibits the complete harmony between the Cabernet Franc and Merlot varietals. Aromas of exotic flowers, blueberry and cedar abound, with lingering scents violets and Asian spice. In the mouth, the palate offers layers of rich red fruits and a balance of sweet ripe tannins with a soft texture and elegant finish.”

-WINEMAKER, SARAH GOTT

2005 **PARAMOUR** NAPA VALLEY PROPRIETARY RED WINE

BLEND:	<i>50% Merlot—50% Cabernet Franc</i>
HARVEST:	<i>October 10th, 2005</i>
RELEASE:	<i>Fall 2007</i>
BARREL REGIME:	<i>20 months in French Oak barrels 50% new and 50% seasoned</i>
PH	<i>3.63%</i>
TOTAL ACIDITY	<i>0.45</i>
ALCOHOL:	<i>14.3%</i>
	<i>Unfiltered and Unfined</i>
PRODUCTION:	<i>202 cases</i>
OPTIMUM DRINKING:	<i>2008 - 2015</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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