



**BLACKBIRD
VINEYARDS**

EDITORIAL COMMENTARIES

Vanity Fair, February 2008

“Blackbird Vineyards released its acclaimed 2005 Napa Valley Proprietary Red at a V.I.P. dinner, hosted by Chanel, honoring the Host Committee of the charity P.S. Arts. The gala event was held at Cut, Wolfgang Puck’s ultra-chic Beverly Hills steak house, and the exclusive wine poured was the Proprietary Red.”

Town & Country, November 2007

“Paramour” Napa Valley Proprietary Red Wine (50% Merlot/50% Cabernet Franc) featured in the “Holiday Gift Guide for the Home.”

Forbes, October 2007

“Blackbird Vineyards 2005 Napa Valley Proprietary Red Wine ... A blend of 96% Merlot and 4% Cabernet Sauvignon, winemaker Sarah Gott’s red is aged for 20 months in 70% new and 30% seasoned French oak barrels before being bottled. Round, well-balanced and juicy, this wine makes a perfect gift for someone who doesn’t quite know what kind of wine they like.”

Robb Report, October 2007

“Winemaker Sarah Gott has shown once again she is a virtuoso in handling this grape. The 2004 tempers powerful fruit with earth elements of roasted coffee, cocoa, and ginger, all of which are wrapped up in a texture like royal red velvet.”

Restaurant Wine, Ronn Wiegand, August 2007

“Fleshy and full bodied, this is a fine Merlot, tasting of plum, black cherry, blueberry, and toast, with a smooth, long, lightly tannic finish. Pomerol-like, in the best sense.”

Vinography: A Wine Blog, Alder Yarrow, June 2007

“Auction Napa Valley is THE event in Napa. It’s the Olympics, it’s the Indy 500, it’s Wimbledon, it’s Cannes, it’s the MTV Music awards of wine. Wines with a score of 9.5 – 2005 Blackbird Vineyards Bordeaux Blend, Napa Valley ...” (1 of 4 wines out of 110 rated a 9.5)

Bloomberg News, Elin McCoy, May 2007

Among Napa’s New Names, Blackbird Vineyards is Must-Have Merlot

Food and Wine, Ray Isle, April 2007

“Blackbird produces a succulent and complex, Merlot-based wine from a 10-acre vineyard south of Yountville, California, in Napa Valley’s cool Oak Knoll district. After only two vintages, the wine has garnered substantial acclaim, along with a waiting list of eager buyers... Ask Michael Polenske, why he decided to give up an extraordinarily successful career in finance to start Blackbird Vineyards, his Napa Valley winery, and he’ll say wryly, “Why take a vow of poverty, you mean?...It was driven by personal choice. You can’t really connect deeply with people through the financial stuff.”

Seattle Times, Paul Gregutt, March 2007 (Premiere Napa Valley trade auction)

“Blackbird Vineyards 2005 Red Table Wine. My favorite of the tasting, this blend of Merlot and Cabernet Franc is from the estate vineyard. Gorgeous structure and depth, dense yet light on its feet, it offers pleasing details such as mushroom and gravel, in a layered, supple and compelling wine.”

InStyle, December 2006

Featured in “The Perfect Gift for the Proud Homeowner”

C Magazine, December 2006



Featured in the “Gourmet Gift” ... “...the limited production release of winemaker Sarah Gott’s Blackbird Vineyards 2004 Merlot shows the subtle finesse of Napa’s other red wine.”

Robb Report, November 2006

“This stunning composition of strawberry, boysenberry and dark chocolate from the Oak Knoll area of Napa Valley is gratifyingly rich and silky, spiced with candied ginger and espresso.”