



BLACKBIRD
VINEYARDS

EDITORIAL REVIEWS

THE 2005 VINTAGE...

“Paramour” Napa Valley Proprietary Red Wine (50% Merlot/50% Cabernet Franc)

Aroma: Ruby Fruit, Cocoa, Black Plum 15/15

Flavor: Black Coffee, Violet, Black Raspberry 15/15

Structure: Integrated Tannins, Cleansing Acidity 15/15

Length: Long Finish of Black Fruit and Mocha 14/15

Balance: Bordeaux-like Structure, Subtleness 38/40

Optimum Drinking - 2007-2020 **98 points**

- SOMMselections, Vintrust, Winter 2007

Napa Valley Proprietary Red Wine (96% Merlot/4% Cabernet Sauvignon)

“Aromas of plum and roasted sage lead to intense, youthful black cherry, cracked pepper and licorice flavors, finishing with rich, loamy tannins. Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. Drink now. 1,100 cases made.” **90 points**

- James Laube, *The Wine Spectator*, March 2008

“The 2005 Proprietary Red Wine is a blend of 96% Merlot and 4% Cabernet Sauvignon, all from the Oak Knoll sector of Napa. Its deep ruby/purple tinged color is followed by a sweet perfume of mocha, caramelized black cherries and currants, and hints of chocolate as well as espresso. With terrific fruit, medium to full body, supple tannin, and well integrated acidity and alcohol, it should be drunk over the next 8-10 years.” **91 points**

- Robert Parker, *The Wine Advocate*, December 2007

"The wine shows a nose of vibrant cassis, orange skins, dark cherry, blueberry, lavender, chocolate, licorice and slate aromas. The palate breaks in with hints of meaty olive shading seductive kirsch and black plum flavors. Bold and smooth on the finish. Continues to evolve over 80 hours." **94 points**

- Doug Wilder, *Vinfolio*, September 2007

THE 2004 VINTAGE...

Aroma: Dark Black Cherry, Dark Chocolate, Mocha 14/15

Flavor: Brownies, Cherry Liqueur, Dark Currants 15/15

Structure: Powerful, Extracted, Medium Tannins 15/15

Length: Long Dark Fruit, Concentration, Extracted 14/15

Balance: Impeccable balance of alcohol and fruit 39/40

Optimum Drinking - 2007-2020 **97 points**

“The wine is a powerful, rich, massive and extracted version of plebian Merlot styles and it is truly destined to become a true cult classic.”

- SOMMselections, Vintrust, September 2007

THE 2003 VINTAGE (PREMIERE RELEASE)...

“The palate is flawlessly smooth showing amazingly pure blueberry and cherry nectar with seamless integration of the aromas. The sweet finish with high acidity propels this wine into a very rare territory.” **98 points**

- Doug Wilder, *Vinfolio*, October 2005

