



BLACKBIRD  
VINEYARDS

## VINEYARD SOURCING

In conjunction with the Blackbird Vineyard—which provides fruit for the foundation of our portfolio—we foster long-term partnerships with premium vineyard sources throughout Napa Valley where growers are passionate about their approach to farming. These vineyards are hand-selected for their health and superiority, allowing us to achieve exceptional fruit quality with each harvest season.

### **Blackbird Vineyards—Oak Knoll, Napa Valley**

Similar to the Pomerol region of Bordeaux, the Oak Knoll District is akin in its soil composition, microclimate, and rural qualities. The Oak Knoll District is one of the coolest regions in the valley—second only to Carneros—and like Pomerol, is home to gravelly, clay loam soils, which create an ideal growing region for Merlot. Due to the region's cool nights, the vineyard retains good acidity and natural balance. The Haire-type soil holds moisture deep in the ground, allowing Blackbird to be virtually dry-farmed.

### **Hudson Vineyards—Carneros, Napa Valley**

Perched on a rolling hillside in the cool climate of Carneros, this vineyard is a high-quality fruit source for Merlot and is considered one of the top winegrowers in the United States. A talented group of farmers (many who have worked for the Ranch for 20 years or more)—devote their full attention to the vineyards to ensure world-class grapes for Blackbird Vineyards.

### **Stagecoach Vineyard—Napa Valley**

With over 500 acres planted, it is the largest contiguous mountain planting in the Napa Valley. Stretching from the westernmost regions of Atlas Peak all the way to the east overlooking Oakville, these 1,200+ acres of rocky, volcanic terroir grace the southern edge of Pritchard Hill. The vineyard's elevation combined with the soil produces intense Merlot and tannic and powerful Cabernet Franc.

### **Rainin Vineyard—Diamond Mountain, Napa Valley**

The Rainin Vineyard sits on the highest parts of Diamond Mountain Road, facing east. The rocky soils of Diamond Mountain produce firm tannic wines with intense fruit. Blackbird sources Petit Verdot, Malbec, and Cabernet Sauvignon from this property.

### **Crocker & Starr—St. Helena, Napa Valley**

Committed to sustainable and organic farming techniques, these growers have combined the best of both old world philosophy and new world fruit. This estate spans over 100 acres across the gorgeous St. Helena Appellation. The deep pocket of well-drained gravel creates aromatic Cabernet Franc with impressive structure and finesse.

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