

BLACKBIRD VINEYARDS

ARISE

Artisanal producer of Pomerol inspired wines

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2006 ARISE NAPA VALLEY PROPRIETARY RED WINE

Saturated with rich, vibrant color, the generous nose exudes tantalizing aromas of Bing cherry, cassis and cola. Upon entry, profuse flavors of raspberries, plum and baking spices intertwine with fine-grained tannins to create a supple, chewy middle palate. The complex range of flavors in this expansive wine are heightened by its smooth, velvety texture and its long, lingering finish.

BLEND:	<i>100% Merlot</i>
HARVEST:	<i>October 12, 2006</i>
RELEASE:	<i>Fall 2008</i>
BARREL REGIME:	<i>20 months in French Oak barrels - 8% new, 92% seasoned</i>
PH:	<i>3.70%</i>
TOTAL ACIDITY:	<i>0.5</i>
ALCOHOL:	<i>14.7%</i>
	<i>Unfiltered and Unfined</i>
PRODUCTION:	<i>302 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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Arise is the most aspiring wine in the Blackbird Vineyards repertoire. Harvested, vinified, and barrel aged with an identical commitment to quality and excellence as our core wines, every vintage of this sister label Bordeaux-inspired blend is hand-tuned to express the luscious flavor profiles and lithe structure that only comes from exceptional fruit. Arise captures the charming essences of Napa Valley's unique terroir.

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