

BLACKBIRD
VINEYARDS
CONTRARIAN

Artisanal producer of Pomerol inspired wines

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2006 CONTRARIAN NAPA VALLEY PROPRIETARY RED WINE 

This intricately structured, full-bodied wine offers luscious aromas of raspberries and ripe blackberries complemented by a sweet, elegant ribbon of mocha. On the generous palate, layers of black currant, blood orange, and subtle tobacco give way to a fleshy, sweet tannin finish. This wine is beautifully balanced, offering a rich intensity that will further develop with time in the cellar.

BLEND:	<i>38% Cabernet Franc - 34% Merlot - 28% Cabernet Sauvignon</i>
HARVEST:	<i>October 12, 2006</i>
RELEASE:	<i>Fall 2008</i>
BARREL REGIME:	<i>20 months in French Oak barrels - 48% new, 52% seasoned</i>
PH:	<i>3.72%</i>
TOTAL ACIDITY:	<i>0.55</i>
ALCOHOL:	<i>14.4%</i>
	<i>Unfiltered and Unfined</i>
PRODUCTION:	<i>414 cases</i>
OPTIMUM DRINKING:	<i>2008 - 2020</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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Blackbird Vineyards' Contrarian is crafted by passion and instinct. This textured blend of Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon possesses both an aromatic richness and subtle tannin profile. It exudes the Pomerol-inspired elegance Blackbird Vineyards' wines are known for, while displaying the regal posture that comes from superior Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon. A wine to indulge in now and for decades to come, Contrarian's uniquely supple structure flouts convention.

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