

B L A C K B I R D
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Artisanal producer of Pomerol inspired wines

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2007 CONTRARIAN NAPA VALLEY PROPRIETARY RED WINE 

The 2007 Contrarian is saturated with fragrant blackberry, black cherry, and earthy forest floor complemented by cedar and blueberry notes from the Cabernet Franc influence. The powerfully structured palate unfolds with layers of dark berries, cola, cocoa, and black truffle, showcasing fine and silky tannins on the mid-palate. The smooth finish is balanced, providing persistent length of flavor. Touted as the “vintage of the decade” by wine critics and winemakers alike, Blackbird’s 2007 wines offer approachable tannins with incredible flavor concentration and length imparted by the mild growing season.

BLEND:	<i>46% Cabernet Franc - 34% Merlot - 20% Cabernet Sauvignon</i>
HARVEST:	<i>October, 2007</i>
RELEASE:	<i>Fall 2009</i>
BARREL REGIME:	<i>20 months in French Oak barrels - 70% new, 30% seasoned</i>
PH:	<i>3.78</i>
TOTAL ACIDITY:	<i>0.55</i>
ALCOHOL:	<i>14.5%</i>
PRODUCTION:	<i>538 cases</i>
OPTIMUM DRINKING:	<i>2009 - 2025</i>
PRICE:	<i>\$90.00</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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