

**B L A C K B I R D**  
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**C O N T R A R I A N**

*Artisanal producer of Pomerol-inspired wines*

WINEMAKER: *Aaron Pott*

PRESIDENT: *Paul Leary*

PROPRIETOR: *Michael Polenske*

**2008 CONTRARIAN NAPA VALLEY PROPRIETARY RED WINE** 

With decanting, the 2008 Contrarian presents fragrant aromas of blackberry, black truffle, dark chocolate, and cloves. In harmony with the nose, the mid-palate exudes robust flavors of black currant, blueberry, cherry, and coffee, alongside layers of intricately structured tannins. The finish is round and balanced, providing persistent length of flavor. Blackbird's 2008 vintage wines offer incredible elegance and fruit concentration imparted by the low-yielding, high-quality Napa Valley growing season.

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BLEND:	<i>38% Merlot - 35% Cabernet Franc - 27% Cabernet Sauvignon</i>
HARVEST:	<i>October, 2008</i>
RELEASE:	<i>Spring, 2011</i>
BARREL REGIME:	<i>20 months in French Oak barrels - 70% new, 30% seasoned</i>
PH:	<i>3.83</i>
TOTAL ACIDITY:	<i>0.60</i>
ALCOHOL:	<i>14.5%</i>
PRODUCTION:	<i>336 cases</i>
OPTIMUM DRINKING:	<i>2011 - 2025</i>
PRICE:	<i>\$90.00</i>

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**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.

**Vive les différences...**

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