

BLACKBIRD  
VINEYARDS  
PARAMOUR

*Artisanal producer of Pomerol-inspired wines*

WINEMAKER: *Aaron Pott*

PRESIDENT: *Paul Leary*

PROPRIETOR: *Michael Polenske*

2008 PARAMOUR NAPA VALLEY PROPRIETARY RED WINE 

The 2008 Paramour unfolds with seductive notes of black cherry, nutmeg, clove, and subtle earthy aromas. On the expansive palate, bold flavors of cherry, chocolate, blueberry, and black currant combine with a creamy black fruit and cedar overlay. The plush finish is framed by velvety tannins and a luxurious mouthfeel. Paramour is ideal for drinking beyond the next decade. Blackbird's 2008 vintage wines offer incredible elegance and fruit concentration imparted by the low-yielding, high-quality Napa Valley growing season.

BLEND:	<i>49% Cabernet Franc - 43% Merlot - 8% 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>3.78</i>
TOTAL ACIDITY:	<i>0.58</i>
ALCOHOL:	<i>14.5%</i>
PRODUCTION:	<i>331 cases</i>
OPTIMUM DRINKING:	<i>2011 - 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' Paramour possesses both sensuality and commanding structure. Merlot and Cabernet Franc have a fragile but irresistible chemistry that flourishes when climate, soils and seasons align. The grapes allotted for this graceful red wine are grown in only the most auspicious conditions. Paramour reveals the passionate relationship between these two varietals, as well as that between the winegrower and the land.

**Wine and the sensuous go hand in hand...**

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