

BLACKBIRD VINEYARDS

ARISE

Artisanal producer of Pomerol-inspired wines

WINEMAKER: *Aaron Pott*

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2009 ARISE NAPA VALLEY PROPRIETARY RED WINE

The 2009 Arise reveals an arresting perfume of cherry, blackberry, fig, and cedar. Aged in French Oak barrels for 21 months, the chewy mid-palate presents enticing flavors of plum and spice within structured layers of red fruit. Blackbird's 2009 vintage wines showcase grapes farmed with an ideal hang time, offering wines with bright flavors, balanced sugars, and acidity. Drinking well upon release, Arise will age beautifully with time in the cellar.

BLEND:	<i>53% Merlot - 25% Cabernet Franc - 22% Cabernet Sauvignon</i>
HARVEST:	<i>October, 2009</i>
RELEASE:	<i>Fall, 2011</i>
BARREL REGIME:	<i>21 months in French Oak barrels - 40% new, 60% seasoned</i>
PH:	<i>3.84</i>
TOTAL ACIDITY:	<i>0.59</i>
ALCOHOL:	<i>14.5%</i>
PRODUCTION:	<i>2,800 cases</i>
OPTIMUM DRINKING:	<i>2011 - 2025</i>
PRICE:	<i>\$50.00</i>
ACCOLADES:	<i>95pts - Wine Review Online</i> <i>94pts - Wine Enthusiast</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 principal 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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