



BLACKBIRD VINEYARDS



Founded in 2003, Blackbird Vineyards is an artisanal producer of Bordeaux influenced wines from Napa Valley. Crafted by esteemed winemaker Aaron Pott, each wine in the portfolio is a true example of Blackbird's ongoing commitment to quality and diversity of terroir by partnering with a selection of Napa Valley's most prestigious vineyards. These include sites in high altitudes of Spring Mounting and Atlas Peak, the alluvial terrain of Saint Helena and the Oak Knoll district in Napa, and the cool climates of Carneros.

Blackbird Vineyards Name:	“Merlot” is French patois for ‘Little Blackbird’
Proprietor:	John & Julia Hinshaw
President:	Brian Hilliard
Winemakers:	Aaron Pott & Kyle Mizuno
Vineyard Manger:	Renteria Vineyard Management
Design Consultant:	David Hughes
Premiere Vintage:	2003
Wines Produced:	Napa Valley Proprietary Red Wine
Appellation:	Napa Valley

Vineyards –

Hudson Vineyard - Perched on a rolling hillside in the cool climate of Carneros, the Hudson Vineyard is a high-quality fruit source for Merlot, Cabernet Franc, and Cabernet Sauvignon.

Stagecoach Vineyard - Atop the Vaca Mountains south of Pritchard Hill, the rocky, volcanic terroir of the Stagecoach Vineyard produces intense Merlot and Cabernet Franc.

Crocker & Starr Vineyard - The Crocker & Starr Vineyard's deep pocket of well-drained gravel creates aromatic Cabernet Franc with impressive structure and finesse.

Star Vineyard: Located in Rutherford, Star Vineyard is one of Napa Valley's most celebrated spots for grape growing. Between the high sun exposure and well-drained, alluvial soil, the fruit is a perennial contender for our best wines.





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Blackbird Vineyards' winemaking duo, Aaron Pott and Kyle Mizuno, are the artisans behind ÆRENA Wines. They feel that wine is a unique art in that it is ephemeral; once it is consumed, it is gone. In farming and winemaking, Aaron and Kyle strive to communicate a vineyard's sense of place by working the wine at the right time to expose the best characteristics of variety and site. Their winemaking philosophy is simple, "let the wines speak for themselves and screw it up. www.aerenawines.com

Chardonnay

The ÆRENA Wines Chardonnay is comprised of vineyards that span two appellations: Sonoma Mountain and Russian River Valley. The Sonoma Mountain vineyard is protected from the heat of the day, lending cool-climate qualities to the blend: minerality, acidity, and structure alongside citrus fruit and flowers. The Russian River Valley vineyard is everything that you expect, contributing exotic fruit, richness, and complexity.

Cabernet Sauvignon

The ÆRENA Wines Cabernet is farmed from vines in the Red Hills of California's North Coast. Due to the mountain viticulture, the elevation moderates temperature extremes and diurnal shifts, allowing for a long growing season that results in complex flavor development. The intensity of flavors is magnified by vine stress from well-drained, iron-rich vineyards littered with black obsidian, quartz crystal, and volcanic gravel.

Rosé

The ÆRENA Wines Rosé is farmed by The del Barba vineyard. The del Barba vineyard is in the town of Oakley, within the San Francisco Bay AVA, an area that encompasses some very historic California wine growing country. The climate is moderated by the cool evenings enjoyed by proximity to where the San Francisco bay meets the Sacramento River Delta. According to Aaron Pott, the del Barba vineyard allows him to "fulfill all of his Rhône and southern Italian fantasies at the same time."

