

BLACKBIRD
VINEYARDS
PARAMOUR

WINEMAKER: *Aaron Pott*

2016 PARAMOUR NAPA VALLEY PROPRIETARY RED WINE 

With a bright approach of blueberry, black cherry, cedar, porcini mushrooms, and mint, the wine shines on the nose of this Cabernet Franc dominant blend. Wonderful richness of violets, plum and chocolate and gives way to tight grain tanins with a supple finish on the palate. This wine is captivating and will continue to develop gracefully with long term aging in the cellar.

BLEND:	<i>82% Cabernet Franc - 15% Merlot - 3% Cabernet Sauvignon</i>
HARVEST:	<i>Fall 2016</i>
RELEASE:	<i>Spring 2019</i>
BARREL REGIME:	<i>21 months in French oak barrels - 75% new, 25% seasoned</i>
ALCOHOL:	<i>14.1%</i>
PRODUCTION:	<i>63 barrels</i>
OPTIMUM DRINKING:	<i>2019 - 2035</i>



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Each wine in the portfolio is a true example of Blackbird's ongoing commitment to quality by partnering with a selection of Napa Valley's most prestigious vineyards.

Shiflett Vineyard - Located in Yountville, the climate is moderate with a foggy marine influence contributing to cool summer mornings and mild afternoons. The gravelly soil is ideal for 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.

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.

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Blackbird Vineyards' Paramour possesses both sensuality and commanding structure. Cabernet Franc and Merlot have a fragile but irresistible chemistry that flourishes when climate, soils and seasons align. Paramour reveals the passion and harmony embodied in this love affair.

Wine and the sensuous go hand in hand...

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