

BLACKBIRD
VINEYARDS
ILLUSTRATION

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2017 ILLUSTRATION NAPA VALLEY PROPRIETARY RED WINE 

Illustration is the most decadent of the Blackbird wines, rich and aromatic with plum, iris, violet, red currant, milk chocolate, and caramel. The velvety palate imparts you with abundant flavors of cherry, plum, coffee, and cocoa. The luxurious finish is long and bright with soft tannins.

BLEND:	<i>49% Merlot, 28% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Cabernet Franc</i>
HARVEST:	<i>Fall 2017</i>
RELEASE:	<i>Spring 2019</i>
BARREL REGIME:	<i>21 months in French oak barrels - 75% new, 25% seasoned</i>
ALCOHOL:	<i>14.1% Alcohol</i>
PRODUCTION:	<i>420 cases</i>
OPTIMUM DRINKING:	<i>2019- 2035</i>
PRICE:	<i>\$135.00 per 750ml bottle</i>

VINEYARD SOURCES

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.

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

Ballard Vineyard - *Located on Spring Mountain, Cabernet Sauvignon from Ballard maintains balanced acidity from the cool nights and elevation. The mountain influence on fruit lends structure and big tannins to round out the wine.*

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



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Illustration represents the core of Blackbird Vineyards. Every element of its multi-faceted wine portfolio draws inspiration from this principally Merlot composition. Illustration challenges the notion that Cabernet Sauvignon is the only age-worthy red wine crafted in Napa Valley.

The heart is full of infinite possibilities...

