

BLACKBIRD
VINEYARDS
CONTRARIAN

WINEMAKER: *Aaron Pott & Kyle Mizuno*

2017 CONTRARIAN NAPA VALLEY PROPRIETARY RED WINE 

Expressive with savory notes of tobacco, cedar, coffee and black licorice, Contrarian is the most powerful of the Blackbird trio. Great density with hints of tobacco, cedar, plum, black cherry and black truffle. Contrarian boasts a rich and elegant texture on the mid palate and finishes with plush tannins, black truffle, tobacco, coffee and black currants.

BLEND:	<i>70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 29% Cabernet Franc, 1% Merlot</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% Alcohol</i>
PRODUCTION:	<i>1100 cases</i>
OPTIMUM DRINKING:	<i>2019 - 2035</i>
PRICE:	<i>\$135.00 per 750ml bottle</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.

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 - *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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Contrarian flies in the face of our own conventions. Emboldened by Cabernet Sauvignon, Contrarian possesses Blackbird's signature aromatic richness alongside bold tannins that draw a striking contrast to the rest of the flock.

Vive les différences...

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