BLACKBIRD VINEYARDS

2019 Paramour

Accolades

A blend of 60% Cabernet Franc, 29% Cabernet Sauvignon and 11% Merlot, the 2019 Paramour Proprietary Red was sourced from the Schifflet, Hudson and Stagecoach Vineyards. Blessed with floral notes, licorice and black cherries on the nose, this looks like the pick of the litter and is one reason why Napa Cabernet Franc prices are what they are. This is full-bodied and rich yet seemingly weightless, despite being concentrated, long and velvety. This is just lovely stuff.

96 Points Wine Advocate

Spice, chocolate, blackberry, blueberry and walnut aromas follow through to a medium body with fine tannins and a fresh and clean finish. Some citrus undertones. Brightness and focus. Drink after 2025, but already beautiful.

95 Points James Suckling

The 2019 Paramour opens with striking Franc aromatics. On the palate, the 2019 is quite a bit more reticent. Succulent dark cherry, plum, mocha and sweet spice build leading into the heady, substantial finish. My impression is that the 2019 has much to offer, but in the future. Readers should be prepared to cellar this for another handful of years.

95 Points Antonio Galloni of Vinous

Beautiful black fruits, tobacco, graphite, and a crushed stone-like sense of minerality all emerge from the 2019 Paramour Proprietary Red, a medium to full-bodied, seamless, beautifully balanced red. Based on 60% Cabernet Franc, 29% Cabernet Sauvignon, and the rest Merlot, it's going to evolve for 15+ years with no issues.

96 Points Jeb Dunnuck

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