BLACKBIRD VINEYARDS

ARISE

WINEMAKER: *Aaron Pott*

2023 ARISE

The 2023 vintage in Napa Valley was shaped by a wet winter and a cool, extended growing season with mild temperatures and few heat spikes, allowing grapes to ripen slowly and evenly while retaining natural acidity. The resulting wines show exceptional purity and balance, with vibrant fruit, refined tannins, and a freshness that promises both immediate appeal and long-term aging potential.

"Aromas of red and black currants, dried herbs, ferric earth and crushed blueberries with a lovely earthy undertone. The palate is refined and pure, with fine-boned tannins, a lush, textural mouthfeel and a soft yet compact finish. Made from 90% cabernet sauvignon, 6% merlot and 4% cabernet franc. It shows plenty of ageability." - James Suckling, 94 Points

BLEND:	90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc
HARVEST:	Mid-September to Late October 2023
RELEASE:	Spring 2026
BARREL REGIME:	21 months in French Oak Barrels - 33% new
ALCOHOL:	14.8%

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THE BIRDS NEST - *Our high-elevation, organically farmed estate vineyard on Hennessy Ridge near Pritchard Hill is shaped by thin rocky soils and cooling marine air that naturally limit yields and extend the growing season. Cabernet Sauvignon from this dramatic ridgeline shows intense dark fruit, firm mountain tannins, and lifted minerality that captures both the power and precision of Napa's mountain terroir.*

FONTANELLA - *Located on the western slopes of Mt. Veeder, Fontanella Vineyard sits above the fog line on steep, well-drained volcanic and sedimentary soils. Cool afternoon temperatures and low-vigor hillside vines produce Cabernet Sauvignon of exceptional concentration, structure, and complexity.*

SHIFFLETT- *A steep hillside vineyard in Yountville facing into the southeast. Great exposure in a cold region. Beautiful Cabernet Franc from old heritage clones creates wines of sculpted beauty and finesse.*

BLACKBIRD - VINEYARD *The vineyard is a unique clay heavy site over well drained alluvial gravel. The clay brings power to Merlot and the gravel allows the soils to drain well and ripen to perfection.*

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Harvested, vinified, and aged with an identical commitment to quality as our principal wines, this classic Napa blend comprised of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc expresses luscious flavors that can only come from exceptional fruit.

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