BLACKBIRD VINEYARDS

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WINEMAKER: *Aaron Pott*

2023 CONTRARIAN NAPA VALLEY PROPRIETARY RED WINE

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.

Notes of black currant, tobacco, plum, chocolate, mint, blackberry. Expansive mid palate with layers of chewy, tight grained tannin. Rich with great density, good length with black currant, plum, chocolate, mint and tobacco in the finish. A stunning Cabernet Sauvignon with power and nuance. A pleasure wine that plays with the senses. - *Aaron Pott*

BLEND:	67% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Merlot, 16% Cabernet Franc
HARVEST:	Mid-September to Late October 2023
RELEASE:	Fall 2026
BARREL REGIME:	21 months in French Oak - 50% New
ALCOHOL:	14.6%

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Each wine in the portfolio is a true example of Blackbirds ongoing commitment to quality by partnering with a selection of Napas finest vineyards.

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 VINEYARD - *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 VINEYARD - *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.*

MCGAH VINEYARD - *Located on the eastern benchlands of Rutherford just north of Oakville, McGah Vineyard is a historic 65-acre property that benefits from long afternoon sun, cool evening air, and gravelly red loam soils that provide superb drainage and low fertility conditions ideal for producing fruit of concentration and purity.*

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

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