

# BLACKBIRD VINEYARDS

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*Artisanal producer of right bank Bordeaux-inspired wines*

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## 2016 ARISE NAPA VALLEY PROPRIETARY RED WINE



The 2016 Arise offers a rich attack with sweet, plush tannins and notes of cherry, plum, and smoked duck in a long finish of coffee, plum, and blueberry. An ideal 2016 harvest season resulted in rich fruit of uncompromised character. The 2016 Arise is Blackbird at its core of supple winemaking.

BLEND:	<i>55% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Franc, 17% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 3% Petit Verdot</i>
HARVEST:	<i>Fall 2016</i>
RELEASE:	<i>Fall 2018</i>
BARREL REGIME:	<i>21 months in French oak barrels - 50% new, 50% seasoned</i>
ALCOHOL:	<i>14.1%</i>
PRODUCTION:	<i>236 barrels</i>
OPTIMUM DRINKING:	<i>2018 - 2028</i>
PRICE:	<i>\$29.00 • \$58.00 • \$130.00</i>
FORMAT:	<i>375ml • 750ml • 1.5L</i>
UPC:	<i>855326003002</i>

### VINEYARDS

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.

**Blackbird Vineyard** - *Located in the Oak Knoll District, Blackbird's estate vineyard, with clay soils underlaid by gravel, is an ideal site for Merlot. The region's cool nights preserve acidity in the fruit, providing natural balance.*

**Hudson Vineyard** - *Perched on a rolling hillside in the cool climate of Carneros, the Hudson Vineyard is a high-quality fruit source for Merlot, Cabernet Franc, and Cabernet Sauvignon.*

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

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



**Every artist needs a muse...**

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