

BLACKBIRD  
VINEYARDS  
PARAMOUR

*Artisanal producer of Pomerol-inspired wines*

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2011 PARAMOUR NAPA VALLEY PROPRIETARY RED WINE 

The 2011 Paramour offers exquisite aromas of blackberry, blueberry and tobacco. This authentic expression of Cabernet Franc showcases textured layers of chocolate and nutmeg, combined with fine-grained tannin and cedar overlay. The supple finish is round and balanced, providing persistent length of flavor. Paramour will continue to develop with time in the bottle for the next decade or more. The cooler-than-normal 2011 Napa Valley grape-growing season concluded in an expedited harvest. The outcome was a vintage with flavors developed at lower brix, resulting in truly elegant wines with European-style texture and great complexity.

BLEND:	<i>71% Cabernet Franc - 19% Merlot - 10% Cabernet Sauvignon</i>
HARVEST:	<i>Fall 2011</i>
RELEASE:	<i>Spring 2014</i>
BARREL REGIME:	<i>21 months in French Oak barrels - 75% new, 25% seasoned</i>
PH:	<i>3.79</i>
TOTAL ACIDITY:	<i>0.57</i>
ALCOHOL:	<i>14.2%</i>
PRODUCTION:	<i>29 barrels</i>
OPTIMUM DRINKING:	<i>2014 - 2027</i>
PRICE:	<i>\$125.00 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.

**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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Blackbird Vineyards' Paramour possesses both sensuality and commanding structure. Merlot and Cabernet Franc have a fragile but irresistible chemistry that flourishes when climate, soils and seasons align. The grapes allotted for this graceful red wine are grown in only the most auspicious conditions. Paramour reveals the passionate relationship between these two varietals, as well as that between the winegrower and the land.

**Wine and the sensuous go hand in hand...**

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