

BLACKBIRD  
VINEYARDS  
CONTRARIAN

*Artisanal producer of Right Bank Bordeaux-inspired wines*

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2015 CONTRARIAN NAPA VALLEY PROPRIETARY RED WINE 

Daring and expressive with aromas of black cherry, fresh cracked pepper, and bay leaves, Contrarian is sure to impress. Notes of black currant, blackberry, toffee, and sweet herbs are complimented by well-structured tannins that carry through to a long, lingering finish. This wine is captivating now and will continue to develop with time in the cellar.

BLEND:	<i>65% Cabernet Sauvignon - 18% Cabernet Franc - 17% Merlot</i>
HARVEST:	<i>Fall 2015</i>
RELEASE:	<i>Spring 2018</i>
BARREL REGIME:	<i>21 months in French oak barrels - 75% new, 25% seasoned</i>
ALCOHOL:	<i>14.5%</i>
PRODUCTION:	<i>9 barrels</i>
OPTIMUM DRINKING:	<i>2018 - 2031</i>
PRICE:	<i>\$135.00 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.*

**Crocker & Starr Vineyard** - *The Crocker & Starr Vineyard's deep pocket of well-drained gravel creates aromatic Cabernet Franc with impressive structure and finesse.*

**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.*



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

**Vive les différences...**

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