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Founded in 2003, Blackbird Vineyards is an artisanal producer of Bordeaux influenced wines from Napa Valley. Crafted by esteemed winemaker Aaron Pott, each wine in the portfolio is a true example of Blackbird's ongoing commitment to quality and diversity of terroir by partnering with a selection of Napa Valley's most prestigious vineyards. These include sites in high altitudes of Spring Mounting and Atlas Peak, the alluvial terrain of Saint Helena and the Oak Knoll district in Napa, and the cool climates of Carneros.

Blackbird Vineyards Name:	“Merlot” is French patois for ‘Little Blackbird’
Proprietor:	Michael Polenske
President:	Paul L. Leary
Winemaker:	Aaron Pott
Vineyard Manger:	Renteria Vineyard Management
Design Consultant:	David Hughes
Premiere Vintage:	2003
Wines Produced:	Napa Valley Proprietary Red Wine
Appellation:	Napa Valley

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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ÆRENA Galleries & Gardens are uniquely beautiful art and design venues featuring contemporary art and sculpture, as well as finely-edited collections of furnishings, objects and curiosities dating from the 18th century to the present. ÆRENA Galleries offers the work of over one hundred emerging to internationally renowned painters, visual artists, sculptors and artisans in captivating spaces and beautiful sculpture gardens in Yountville (6711 & 6795 Washington Street), St. Helena (1354 Main Street), and Healdsburg (115 Plaza Street). www.aerenagalleries.com



Resolute Wines, crafted by winemaker Aaron Pott, are made from grapes in the Red Hills of Lake County. The first wine released under this label is a 100% Cabernet Sauvignon. The inaugural 2014 vintage, titled “lean in,” with an iconic image by Tony Hernandez, symbolizes Resolute Wines’ squaring off with more established brands and appellations. www.resolutewines.com

The vineyards, located in the northern Mayacamas Mountains, are in the Red Hills of Lake County which hugs the southwestern edge of Clear Lake. Lying right over the North Coast Magna Pocket, the appellation is comprised of dozens of volcanic mountains ranging from 1,350 to over 3,700 feet above sea level. Vineyard elevations range from 1,350 to 2,600 feet with the majority planted at or over 2,000 feet. The soil is of volcanic origin from the neighboring Mount Konocti, producing well-drained vineyards rich in black obsidian, quartz crystals, and volcanic gravel content, and brilliantly red in color.



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Recuerdo Wines offers enthusiasts the opportunity to experience premium wines that capture the best of Argentina's unique terroir, specifically within the high-altitude Uco Valley. Recuerdo means "memory" or "memento" in Spanish. As such, the Recuerdo winemaking team of Santiago Achával and Pablo Martorell passionately believe that each bottle of Recuerdo should not only represent Argentina's native terroir but also serve as a memory of each and every harvest. www.recuerdowines.com

Recuerdo Wines provides one-of-a-kind, exclusive wine experiences, both north and south of the Equator, through its partnership with Blackbird Vineyards in Napa Valley and The Vines of Mendoza in Argentina, two of the world's leading wine lifestyle companies.

Best of Two Valleys: Uco Valley and Napa Valley – The Vines of Mendoza's team of American wine enthusiast and entrepreneur Michael Evans and Pablo Gimenez-Riili work closely with Blackbird Vineyards' Michael Polenske and Paul Leary in Napa Valley to deliver these experiences in both valleys.

- The Vines of Mendoza offers Recuerdo Wine fans access to the Vines' luxury resort in the Recuerdo vineyard, as well as intimate Argentine wine experiences, including in-vineyard asado dinners.

High elevation Uco Valley, environmentally friendly vineyard – The Malbec grapes are grown at over 3,700 feet and 32°S latitude in the heart of the Uco Valley at The Vines of Mendoza. This prime grape-growing region enjoys over 300 days of sunshine a year, a pure irrigation source from the Andes Mountains, rocky organic soils, and a broad variance between day and nighttime temperatures. These conditions allow the winemaking team to produce incredibly concentrated and complex wines with amazing structure and balance. The Torrontes grapes are grown in similar conditions in Fatima Valley in La Rioja, an outstanding region for Torrontes grapes.

Winemaking & state-of-the-art winery – Recuerdo Wines's state-of-the-art winery is located in the middle of the The Vines of Mendoza's Uco Valley vineyard and boasts extensive microvinification capabilities and cutting-edge technology. Recuerdo's winemaking team is led by Pablo Martorell, formerly of Clos de los Siete and one of Mendoza's most famous up-and-coming winemakers; and Santiago Achával, who boasts four of the five highest-rated wines in Argentine history, as judged by Wine Spectator, and the highest-rated Argentine wine to date, according to Robert Parker.

