

# BLACKBIRD VINEYARDS

## ARISE

*Artisanal producer of Pomerol inspired wines*

WINEMAKER: *Aaron Pott*

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PROPRIETOR: *Michael Polenske*

### 2007 ARISE NAPA VALLEY PROPRIETARY RED WINE

The 2007 Arise reflects an aromatic nose of rhubarb, cherry, and wild raspberries. The approachable, yet dense palate is dominated by red fruits, plum, and enticing smoky-savory notes. An inviting wine in its youth, Arise offers fine-grained tannins combined with impressive structure and balance. Drinking well upon release, Arise will also age beautifully with time in the cellar. Touted as the “vintage of the decade” by wine critics and winemakers alike, Blackbird’s 2007 wines offer approachable tannins with incredible flavor concentration and length imparted by the mild growing season.

BLEND:	<i>75% Merlot - 20% Cabernet Franc - 5% Cabernet Sauvignon</i>
HARVEST:	<i>October, 2007</i>
RELEASE:	<i>Fall 2009</i>
BARREL REGIME:	<i>20 months in French Oak barrels - 70% new, 30% seasoned</i>
PH:	<i>3.67</i>
TOTAL ACIDITY:	<i>0.65</i>
ALCOHOL:	<i>14.5%</i>
PRODUCTION:	<i>772 cases</i>
OPTIMUM DRINKING:	<i>2009 - 2025</i>
PRICE:	<i>\$50.00</i>



### THE BLACKBIRD VINEYARD

APPELLATION:	<i>Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley</i>
VINEYARD SIZE:	<i>10 Acres</i>
VINES:	<i>5,717 planted in 1997</i>
TOPOGRAPHY:	<i>Valley Floor</i>
VARIETAL:	<i>Merlot</i>
CLONE:	<i>3</i>
ROOT STOCK:	<i>110R</i>

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Arise is the most aspiring wine in the Blackbird Vineyards repertoire. Harvested, vinified, and barrel aged with an identical commitment to quality and excellence as our core wines, every vintage of this sister label Bordeaux-inspired blend is hand-tuned to express the luscious flavor profiles and lithe structure that only comes from exceptional fruit. Arise captures the charming essences of Napa Valley’s unique terroir.

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