

BLACKBIRD VINEYARDS

ILLUSTRATION

Artisanal producer of Pomerol inspired wines

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2007 ILLUSTRATION NAPA VALLEY PROPRIETARY RED WINE

The 2007 Illustration reveals a dense nose of plum, cherry, and mulberry with hints of iris, mint and tobacco weaved throughout. Elegant flavors of red currant, coffee, licorice and tobacco deliver on the palate, offering soft texture, velvety tannins, with great complexity and length. Illustration is optimal to drink after decanting or can be laid down to develop further with time in the bottle. 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>70% Merlot - 20% Cabernet Franc - 5% Cabernet Sauvignon- 5% Malbec</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>3.64</i>
TOTAL ACIDITY:	<i>0.57</i>
ALCOHOL:	<i>14.5%</i>
PRODUCTION:	<i>1,324 cases</i>
OPTIMUM DRINKING:	<i>2009 - 2025</i>
PRICE:	<i>\$90.00</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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Illustration represents the core – the heart – of Blackbird Vineyards. Every element of Blackbird’s multi-faceted wine portfolio draws inspiration from this singular, Pomerol-inspired Merlot. It is an undiluted illustration of the passion, time and concentration invested in creating elegant, multi-layered wines. Illustration challenges the notion that Cabernet Sauvignon is the only age-worthy red wine crafted in the Napa Valley.

The heart is full of infinite possibilities...

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