

# BLACKBIRD VINEYARDS

ARISE

*Artisanal producer of Pomerol-inspired wines*

WINEMAKER: *Aaron Pott*

PRESIDENT: *Paul Leary*

PROPRIETOR: *Michael Polenske*

## 2008 ARISE NAPA VALLEY PROPRIETARY RED WINE

The 2008 Arise welcomes you with complex aromatics of cherry, plum, bacon, tobacco, and subtle mint. Aged in French Oak barrels for 19 months, the well-integrated palate presents enticing flavors of cedar, earth, and toffee within multiple layers of rich, black fruits. Elegantly balanced with supple tannins, the mouthfeel is velvety and leads to a fine cocoa finish. Drinking well upon release, Arise will age beautifully with time in the cellar.

BLEND:	<i>42% Merlot - 38% Cabernet Sauvignon - 20% Cabernet Franc</i>
HARVEST:	<i>October, 2008</i>
RELEASE:	<i>Fall 2010</i>
BARREL REGIME:	<i>19 months in French Oak barrels - 70% new, 30% seasoned</i>
PH:	<i>3.93</i>
TOTAL ACIDITY:	<i>0.56</i>
ALCOHOL:	<i>14.6%</i>
PRODUCTION:	<i>1,570 cases</i>
OPTIMUM DRINKING:	<i>2010 - 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.

**Every artist needs a muse...**

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