

BLACKBIRD
VINEYARDS
ARRIVISTE

Artisanal producer of Pomerol-inspired wines

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2009 ARRIVISTE NAPA VALLEY ROSÉ 

This seductive rosé of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Cabernet Franc exhibits a youthful, pink color. On the nose, cherry and red currant aromas complement enticing notes of strawberry, peach, and pear. The 2009 Arriviste displays a mid-palate that is rich and creamy and carries a bright acidity on to the lingering strawberry finish.

BLEND:	<i>58% Merlot - 30% Cabernet Sauvignon - 12% Cabernet Franc</i>
HARVEST:	<i>Fall 2009</i>
RELEASE:	<i>Spring 2010</i>
FERMENTATION:	<i>Saignée method, cold fermented for 6 weeks, sur lies and cold stored</i>
PH:	<i>3.36</i>
TOTAL ACIDITY:	<i>0.5</i>
ALCOHOL:	<i>13.5%</i>
PRODUCTION:	<i>610 cases</i>
OPTIMUM DRINKING:	<i>2010 - 2012</i>
PRICE:	<i>\$24.00</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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Inspired by “les gitanes,” the gypsies of St. Emilion, Blackbird Vineyards’ Arriviste captures the high-spirited nature of winemaking. This vibrant, puckish rosé conjures images of summer twilights and harvest moons. While it hints at the flavors of Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon that frame it, Arriviste is not a wine to demystify. It is simply a wine to enjoy.

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