

BLACKBIRD
VINEYARDS
ARRIVISTE

Artisanal producer of Pomerol-inspired wines

WINEMAKER: *Aaron Pott*

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2010 ARRIVISTE NAPA VALLEY ROSÉ 

The 2010 Arriviste is a seductive, salmon pink-colored rosé of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Cabernet Franc. On the nose, strawberry and red currant aromas complement enticing notes of red cherry, peach, and pear. The wine displays a mid-palate that is rich and creamy, carrying bright acidity on to the lingering strawberry finish. In 2010, the Napa Valley harvest ripening period was cooler than previous years. Hence, Blackbird's 2010 vintage wines showcase lighter and brighter flavors with distinct balance.

BLEND:	<i>48% Cabernet Sauvignon - 39% Merlot - 13% Cabernet Franc</i>
HARVEST:	<i>Fall, 2010</i>
RELEASE:	<i>Spring, 2011</i>
FERMENTATION:	<i>Saignée method, cold fermented for 6 weeks, sur lies and cold stored</i>
PH:	<i>3.26</i>
TOTAL ACIDITY:	<i>0.5</i>
ALCOHOL:	<i>13.5%</i>
PRODUCTION:	<i>923 cases</i>
OPTIMUM DRINKING:	<i>2011 - 2013</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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