



BLACKBIRD
VINEYARDS

RECENT EDITORIAL COMMENTARIES

2016 ARTICLES

Robb Report, May 2016

Rare Birds | *"From the beginning, collector interest played an important role in Blackbird's exemplary reputation. To reward these supporters in their never-ending quest for the unique, Blackbird has launched a members-only program called BlackMail..."*

2015 ARTICLES

California Style, September 2015

Flying High | *"...Oak Knoll District vintners continue their tradition of forward thinking offerings with their first white varietal crafted by winemaker Aaron Pott."*

DuJour Magazine, June 2015

Inside a \$15 Million Dollar Weekend | *"Blackbird founder Michael Polenske was joined by newly appointed President of Bulgari U.S. Daniel Paltridge and San Francisco Director Daniel Diaz in welcoming the intimate group for extraordinary wine pairings and an expertly prepared meal by Chef Victor Scargle of Bardessono's Lucy Restaurant & Bar."*

2014 ARTICLES

The Agency, March 2014

Top Ten California Vineyards | *"Catering to the most discriminating palates, winemaker Aaron Pott has created wines that are innovative and masterfully blended..."*

2013 ARTICLES

Shortlist, An Insider's Guide to the Well Lived Life, September 2013

Insider: Tyler & Stephanie Mithcell | *Current favorite California Wine: Blackbird Vineyards Contrarian*

The Wall Street Journal, What Consulting Winemakers Really Do, May 2013

A Selection of Wines by Top Consultants - 2009 Blackbird Arise. (Mr. Pott) believes that one of the chief benefits of hiring a winemaking consultant is having someone with wide-ranging experience.

Forbes.com, This Year's Coolest Wine Labels, April 2013

"2010 Blackbird Vineyards Contrarian calls to mind Edgar Allen Poe...surely a dark and serious wine awaits in the bottle."

San Diego Magazine, Perfect Pairings, March 2013

"Look for a Blackbird Vineyards Wine Dinner at the Grand Del Mar on Friday, March 29, featuring the terroir-driven, Pomerol-inspired wines from Napa Valley..."

2012 ARTICLES

Robb Report, Host's Guide Holiday 2012, November 2012

"Blackbird Vineyards 2009 Illustration...The signature blend from this Oak Knoll District producer, this masterful Pomerol-style blend—another creation from winemaker Aaron Pott..."

Forbes Life, Napa Valley: The Entrepreneur's Tour, November 2012

"Even after a night of sensational wines, the Blackbird is an enlivening drink, taut and cascadingly flavorful, and one Michael Polenske might have named for himself, a blend dubbed The Contrarian."

Food & Wine, Winemakers of the Year: 2012 November 2012

"(Aaron Pott's wines) are equal parts power and finesse...Also true of the wines he makes for star properties like Blackbird..."

