BLACKBIRD VINEYARDS

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WINEMAKERS: *Aaron Pott and Kyle Mizuno*

2016 CONTRARIAN NAPA VALLEY PROPRIETARY RED WINE

Complex and expressive with aromas of black currant, cherry and black périgold truffle, Contrarian is ripe to impress with its notable density, tight tannins and illustrious texture. With a long finish of black licorice, blackberries, plum and toffee, the vintage evolves tremendously on the palate. This wine is captivating now and will continue to develop in the cellar for another 15 years.

BLEND:	*64% Cabernet Sauvignon - 29% Cabernet Franc - 7% Merlot*
HARVEST:	*Fall 2016*
RELEASE:	*Spring 2019*
BARREL REGIME:	*21 months in French oak barrels - 75% new, 25% seasoned*
ALCOHOL:	*14.1%*
PRODUCTION:	*64 barrels*
OPTIMUM DRINKING:	*2019 - 2035*
PRICE:	*$135.00 per 750ml bottle*

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Each wine in the portfolio is a true example of Blackbird's ongoing commitment to quality by partnering with a selection of Napa Valley's most prestigious vineyards.

Ballard Vineyard - *Located on Spring Mountain, Cabernet Sauvignon from Ballard maintains balanced acidity from the cool nights and elevation. The mountain influence on fruit lends structure and big tannins to round out the wine.*

Hudson Vineyard - *Perched on a rolling hillside in the cool climate of Carneros, the Hudson Vineyard is a high-quality fruit source for Merlot, Cabernet Franc, and Cabernet Sauvignon.*

Stagecoach Vineyard - *Atop the Vaca Mountains south of Pritchard Hill, the rocky, volcanic terroir of the Stagecoach Vineyard produces intense Merlot and Cabernet Franc.*

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Contrarian flies in the face of our own conventions. Emboldened by Cabernet Sauvignon, Contrarian possesses Blackbird's signature aromatic richness alongside bold tannins that draw a striking contrast to the rest of the flock.

Vive les différences...

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