BLACKBIRD VINEYARDS

ILLUSTRATION

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2018 ILLUSTRATION NAPA VALLEY PROPRIETARY RED WINE

The 2018 vintage is phenomenal with critics saying it has produced some of the best wines they have tasted in a decade. 2018 Illustration exudes aromas of coffee, black cherry, black licorice, porcini mushrooms, toffee, and coconut. Rich flavors of plum, cocoa, coffee, and cherry with supple tannins lead to a rich finish.

BLEND:	*70% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon*
HARVEST:	*Fall 2018*
RELEASE:	*Fall 2021*
BARREL REGIME:	*21 months in French oak barrels - 75% new, 25% seasoned*
ALCOHOL:	*14.1% Alcohol*
PRODUCTION:	*15 barrels*
OPTIMUM DRINKING:	*2021- 2036*
PRICE:	*$90.00 per 750ml bottle*

VINEYARD SOURCES

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.

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

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.*

Star Vineyard - *Located in the heart of the legendary Rutherford appellation, Star Vineyard is one of Napa Valley's most celebrated spots for grape growing. Between the high sun exposure and well-drained, alluvial soils, the fruit is a perennial contender for our best wines.*

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Illustration represents the core of Blackbird Vineyards. Every element of its multi-faceted wine portfolio draws inspiration from this principally Merlot composition. Illustration challenges the notion that Cabernet Sauvignon is the only age-worthy red wine crafted in Napa Valley.

The heart is full of infinite possibilities...

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