BLACKBIRD VINEYARDS

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WINEMAKER: *Aaron Pott and Kyle Mizuno*

2018 CONTRARIAN 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 Contrarian entices with black currant, blueberry, vanilla, and cedar aromas. Immediate flavors of black and red currants upon first sip leading to plum, tobacco, and gingerbread with plush tannins.

BLEND:	*59% Cabernet Sauvignon, 28% Cabernet Franc, 13% Merlot*
HARVEST:	*Fall 2018*
RELEASE:	*Fall 2021*
BARREL REGIME:	*21 months in French oak barrels - 75% new, 25% seasoned*
ALCOHOL:	*14.1% Alcohol*
PRODUCTION:	*9 barrels*
OPTIMUM DRINKING:	*2021 - 2036*
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.

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

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.*

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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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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