

# Born to Fly

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## 2018 ARRIVISTE NAPA VALLEY ROSÉ 🎔

The 2018 Arriviste is a sophisticated, salmon-pink rosé of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot. On the nose, striking aromas of strawberry, plum, and orange zest come together. A spicy mid palate of red fruits with acidity that is balanced; it finishes with pear, peach and cherry in a lengthy finish.

BLEND:	65% Cabernet Sauvignon – 25% Cabernet Franc – 10% Merlot
HARVEST:	Fall 2018
RELEASE:	Spring 2019
FERMENTATION:	Saignée method, cold fermented for 6 weeks,
	sur lies and cold stored
PH:	3.31
TOTAL ACIDITY:	0.51
ALCOHOL:	13.5%
PRODUCTION:	2700 cases
OPTIMUM DRINKING:	2019 - 2021
PRICE:	\$28.00
FORMATS AVAILABLE:	750ml • 1500ml • 3000ml • 19.5L keg
SRP:	\$28.00 • \$56.00 • \$125 • Please inquire
UPC:	855326003019

#### VINEYARDS

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 balance acidity from the cool nights and elevation. The mountain influence on the 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.

**Crocker & Starr Vineyard** - The Crocker & Starr Vineyard's deep pocket of well-drained gravel creates aromatic Cabernet Franc with impressive structure and finesse.

## ARRIVISTE

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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