



2023 Blackbird Vineyards 'Manifest' Cabernet, Napa Valley

TRADE OFFER

\$45

per bottle

12-bottle case \$540 · Winery SRP \$180 · One-case minimum

TOP SELLING POINTS

Aaron Pott is Food & Wine's Winemaker of the Year.

Pott took a UC Davis fermentation degree to Burgundy, then ran Troplong Mondot in Saint-Emilion under mentors John Kongsgaard and Michel Rolland. He came home to Quintessa and launched Pott Wine on Mt. Veeder. Food & Wine named him Winemaker of the Year in 2012. Official Blackbird lists him as Consulting Winemaker. Shaina Harding, UC Davis, is Director of Winemaking. The 2023 Manifest still drinks as Pott's Cabernet chapter of a Pomerol-trained house.

Cabernet in the lead. Blackbird contour still in the blend.

Blackbird built its name on Merlot and Cabernet Franc from Oak Knoll. Manifest turns the volume toward Cabernet without dropping that Right Bank manners: 93 percent Cabernet Sauvignon, 4 percent Merlot, 3 percent Cabernet Franc. Fruit is sourced across Napa rather than locked to a single block. 2023 was a wet winter and a long, cool season. Cabernet from that year tends to carry ripe fruit with brighter acidity and finer tannin than the heat-hit 2022s.

AARON POTT

Food & Wine Winemaker of the Year 2012 · Troplong Mondot · Quintessa

Aaron traces the start to a Paris cafe at age nine, when a waiter refused him milk and poured watered red instead. He took fermentation science at UC Davis, a master's in viticulture at the Universite de Bourgogne, and cellar time under John Kongsgaard and Michel Rolland. He ran Troplong Mondot and La Tour Figeac, then came back to Napa to lead Quintessa. In 2007 he and Claire Pott launched Pott Wine from their Mt. Veeder vineyard. Food & Wine named him Winemaker of the Year in 2012. He still consults for Blackbird, Greer, and Fe. Official Blackbird lists him as Consulting Winemaker, not the day-to-day cellar chair. Shaina Harding, UC Davis, is Director of Winemaking. She has made small-lot Napa wine since 2008. The photograph on this page is Aaron in the Blackbird cellar, glass in hand, amphora at his side. The 2023 Manifest is Cabernet-led on purpose, with the Pomerol contour he

2023 IN THE GLASS

Dark fruit first: cassis, blackberry, a cocoa line. Graphite, dried herbs, and a savory Cabernet echo on the finish. Full-bodied, firm but polished tannin, a long confident line. The blend is 93 percent Cabernet Sauvignon, 4 percent Merlot, 3 percent Cabernet Franc. 2023 in Napa was a wet winter and a long season. Cabernet from that year tends to carry ripe fruit with brighter acidity and finer tannin than the heat-hit 2022s. No named critic score was verified on this exact bottling. Decant 45 to 75 minutes. Serve 60 to 64 F.

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PAIRING AND SERVICE

Steak frites with herb butter · Red wine-braised short ribs · Rosemary garlic lamb chops

Decant 45 to 75 minutes. Serve around 60 to 64 F in a Bordeaux stem.

WINE-SEARCHER MARKET

Score — Low — Average — High —

Checked 2026-09-03 · U.S. bottle listings · Buying context, not a required resale



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