

BLACKBIRD RED WINE 2014



Cases produced: 390

Residual sugar: 0 g/L

Alcohol by volume: 13.1%

Tasting notes (from *Wine Spectator*): “This sports a fresh edge, with a plum skin note supporting the core of cherry and pomegranate fruit while a bright savory accent streaks the finish.”

Harvest notes: A cool summer helped grapes retain flavors and a warm, sunny autumn completed the ripening. 50% of the grapes from this wine were grown at Silver Thread Estate Vineyard (Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon) and the remaining 50% (including Cabernet Franc and Merlot) were purchased from a grower on the east side of Seneca Lake in Lodi.

Winemaker notes: Each variety was harvested, fermented and aged separately. Aging took place in old French and American oak barrels for 8 months (average barrel age 7 years). Final blend is 68% Cabernet Franc, 19% Merlot, 13% Cabernet Sauvignon. Varietals were blended prior to June 2015 bottling.

Pairing Suggestions: Grilled beef, cured meats, cheddar cheese, rich tomato sauces

Accolades: 86 points *Wine Spectator*