

# *International* WINEREPORT

## **BLANKIET ESTATE, Rive Droite, Paradise Hills Vineyard 2023**

*This 'Rive Droite' Merlot is drop-dead gorgeous. It impresses with a beautifully layered bouquet of fresh ripe blackberries, black cherries, and cassis, accented by notes of pencil shavings, tobacco, and a touch of savory fresh sage. On the palate, it reveals a medium to full body with remarkable structure, finesse and elegance, showcasing an exceptional level of purity and freshness that elevates each sip. The fruit is vibrant yet refined, framed by polished tannins and a sleek texture. The finish is long and seamless, lingering with echoes of juicy blackberries, graphite and a delicate hint of espresso, leaving a lasting impression of sophistication and balance.*

**99 points**

-- Joe D'Angelo / International Wine Report / September 2025