



93 points

BLANKIET ESTATE Prince of Hearts Red Wine 2016
Paradise Hills Vineyard, Yountville, California

Blankiet's 2016 Prince of Hearts is bright, lifted and precise, especially for a wine at this level. The higher presence of Cabernet Sauvignon in this vintage gives the Prince of Hearts a slightly more tense feel than has been the case in some recent years. Bright red cherry, rose petal, mint and blood orange all run through this super-refined, brilliant entry-level offering. Readers who can find the 2016 are in for a real treat, as the wine is truly special. From a stylistic perspective, Prince of Hearts is more closely aligned with the rest of the range than it has been in the recent past. Prince of Hearts remains the largest production wine at the estate and a reminder of Claude and Katherine Blankiet's total commitment to bottling only the best in their flagship wines.

-- Antonio Galloni, December 2018