



**Blankiet Estate Rive Droite 2017**  
**Paradise Hills Vineyard – Yountville, Napa Valley**

**93 points**

The 2017 Rive Droite Paradise Hills Vineyard is dense, plush and super-expressive; the juiciness of Merlot comes through nicely here. Black cherry, chocolate, licorice, menthol and gravel are front and center. A dollop of Cabernet Franc adds lovely savouriness and aromatic nuance. This is such a pretty and layered wine with tons of near- and medium-term appeal. Overall, the 2017 is a bit smaller scaled in build than normal, but it is a big success for a vintage that was especially challenging for Merlot.

-- Antonio Galloni / Vinous, January 2020