



**97 points**

**BLANKIET ESTATE Rive Droite 2018**  
**Paradise Hills Vineyard, Yountville, California**

*The 2018 Rive Droite Paradise Hills Vineyard is a wine of pure and total sensuality. Blood orange, raspberry jam, mint, white pepper, and cinnamon are some of the many notes that lift from the glass. It is another wine in this range marked by bright acids and veins of salinity that confer energy. The Merlot emerges from mostly from parcels close to the entrance of the estate that are shaded and relatively cool. It is the most reserved of the three flagship wines. Dark red plum, blood orange, mint and sweet spice leave behind the closing shades of nuance.*

-- Antonio Galloni, January 2021