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BLANKIET ESTATE Rive Droite 2021, Paradise Hills Vineyard

The 2021 'Rive Droite' is composed of 96% Merlot and 4% Cabernet Franc, and it is a gorgeous wine from Blankiet in this vintage. It is all about elegance and refinement as it impresses with its pretty aromatic profile of fresh red and dark fruits along with tobacco, fresh flowers, herbs and wet stones that all emerge beautifully from the glass. Displaying wonderful elegance and incredible poise and balance, this medium-to full-bodied red is bright, fresh, and well-defined, ending with a refined, focused finish. While the 2021 'Rive Droite' is undoubtedly a beautiful young wine, collectors will want to tuck this one away for several years, as it has the potential to age tremendously well for quite some time and will certainly become more compelling over time.

97 Points

-- Joe D'Angelo / *International Wine Report* September 25, 2023