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BLANKIET ESTATE RIVE DROITE 2017

RATING

96 points

- TASTING DATE 1/31/2020
- MATURITY 2022 – 2040
- REVIEWED BY JEB DUNNUCK
- SOURCE [Napa Valley's 2017s](#)

REVIEW

The Merlot-dominated 2017 Merlot Rive Droite Paradise Hills Vineyard (there's 4% Cabernet Franc in the blend) is also straight-up brilliant, showing tons of ripe black cherry, chocolate, coffee bean, and truffle herb aromas and flavors. Full-bodied and powerful, it has the same elegant tannin structure found in the Proprietary Red, nicely integrated acidity, terrific purity, and a great finish. It's not for those looking for massive richness and decadence, but it has a purity, elegance, and minerality that makes it a joy to drink.