



**Blankiet Estate 2023 Rive Droite
Paradise Hills Vineyard - Yountville, Napa Valley**

98 points

*“The 2023 Rive Droite Paradise Hills Vineyard is fabulous! Brisk and finely cut, the 2023 impresses with its energy and exceptional balance. Crushed flowers, cedar, pipe tobacco, menthol, and dried herbs all soar out of the glass. Beams of supporting tannin give this svelte, classy Merlot-based a vertical built. I especially admire the energy and tension here. This is an especially fine Rive Droite. Give it a few years to soften”.
Drinking window: 2028-2043*

-- Antonio Galloni / Vinous. November 2025

Claude and Katherine Blankiet run one of the most impressive wineries in Napa Valley. Their attention to detail and total commitment to quality are evident in everything they do. The 2023s are superb across the board. Winemaker Graeme MacDonald gave the wines 45-60 days on the skins, an approach that worked so well here. One of the things I admire most about Blankiet’s wines is their consistency from year to year. That comes through in this tasting, which also included 2024s lots from barrels and the 2015s I reported on previously. Just as importantly, the Blankiets have kept prices for their top wines stable for several years, such that their wines are very fairly priced in today’s Napa Valley. Last but not least, the wines also age exquisitely.”