



BLACKJACK ALLUSION 2005

50% Cabernet Franc, 25% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon

81 % Cabernet Franc and 19 % Merlot, this is currently one of our most popular wines in the Tasting Room. The Allusion 2005 is amazingly deep, rich and harmonius. At the recent Vintner's Association event, this was widely regarded as the best "Bordeaux-blend" being offered that the festival. Reminiscent of the 2003 which just sold out, this wine just goes on and on and is a truly great value in this price category. I can't believe how nicely this turned out and how exotic it is. I highly recommend trying at least one bottle.

Blackjack Ranch is the product of 30 years of imagination and preparation. At the age of 14, Roger Wisted began studying the wines and wine making of France and California. Two years later, he was fermenting experimental batches of wine in the produce section of his parent's grocery store. By 17, I was collecting the wines of Bordeaux, then Burgundy. In 1990, I invented and introduced a casino card game called "California Blackjack" in Los Angeles. The standard game of "21" was outlawed in California in 1873, but my game was different in that two aces was a "Natural" and technically that made the game "22", not "21". Royalties from casinos throughout California for play of my game made Blackjack Ranch winery possible. The vineyard was planted in 1996. Our first vintage was 1997.

