

## Blackjack Ranch Vineyards Harmonie 2004



Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, and Petit Verdot all shine through. Layer upon layer upon layer of big, bold tarry black and blue fruit. Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot, and Petit Verdot all shine making the '04 a little Right Bank-like and a little Left Bank-like. Elegant, extraordinary nuances of black cherry extract are highlighted by espresso, black truffles, cassis, blueberries, and the slightest hint of old fashioned black licorice.

**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.

