

## BlackJack Ranch

## BlackJack Merlot Billy Goat Hill

California  
Santa Barbara

Merlot



### The History

Blackjack Ranch was established in March 1996 with a singular purpose, to produce world class wines of a caliber we'd be proud to share with our wine loving friends.



### The Vineyard

We're committed to that goal in every element of the winemaking process. Our estate vineyard was planted with the best available clones of Chardonnay, Cabernet Franc, Syrah, Petit Verdot and Merlot. Every vine is grafted onto the three lowest yielding rootstocks, 420-A, 101-14, and 3309. Four acres are cultivated by hand on treacherously steep hillsides. Close spacing such as meter by meter and 5 by 5 forces the vines to work as hard as we do.



### The Wine

When it comes to purchasing fruit to compliment our winemaking program, we will only consider vineyards with a track record of superb quality established over a long period of years. We enlisted Christian Roguenant as our winemaker. He grew up in Burgundy and has quietly perfected his skills here on the Central Coast for the past 15 years. Simply put, he's one of the best winemakers in California. We spare no expense in seeking out the finest French Oak available for aging our wines, such as Remond, Sequin Moreau, Mercurie, Francois Freres, and Chalufour.. We use some of the most expensive and exquisite bottles, corks, labels and capsules available.



### Tasting Notes

We did it again. This is yet another fabulously rich version of our highly regarded Billy Goat Hill Merlot. Upon entering the Blackjack Ranch property the "wall" of vines that serves as a backdrop for the visual portion of our vineyards is Bill Goat Hill. This is Santa Barbara County's largest block of hand cultivated vines. This means no tractors, no sprayers, no plows, discs, chisels, or tillers. We do everything by hand. That means that these are the most catered-to vines around. The wine is deeply concentrated and shows why merlot is one of the most sought after varieties in the world, Sideways or upright.

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