

**Blankiet Estate 2009 Proprietary Red
Paradise Hills Vineyard
Yountville, Napa Valley, United States
Drinking window: 2017 - 2029**

Truly spectacular Napa Valley wines take things to another level. Blankiet's 2009 Proprietary Red wraps around the palate with voluptuous silky fruit and exceptional overall balance. Although delicious today, the 2009 will continue to thrill those lucky enough to own it for at least another 10-15 years.

Tasting date: January 2015

The 2009 Proprietary Red Paradise Hills Vineyard is the most harmonious and integrated of the 2009s I tasted. Plums, black currants, espresso, mocha and smoke all jump from the glass in this large- scaled, powerful wine. Seemingly endless layers of fruit build to the huge, explosive finish. This is a fairly extroverted vintage that will be fun to drink with minimum cellaring. In 2009 the blend is 82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Merlot and drops of Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot.

Tasting date: December 2012