



La Joie 2005

PHILOSOPHY

French for “truth,” the wines of Vérité result from a confluence of old world experience and new world fruit. Each is an amalgam of distinct components harvested from small vineyard blocks (micro-crus), resulting in a carefully considered convergence of grape varieties, climate, soil exposition and winemaking technique. Vigneron Pierre Seillan refers to this conjunction as *droit du sol*, “right of the soil.”

TASTING NOTES

Lushly textured, this wine defines both the beauty and the power of the Cabernet Sauvignon. The 2005 La Joie is a dark to opaque ruby color. The nose is aromatic, spicy and persistent which enhances the subtle, elegant oak. For the first time, La Joie is composed of the five Bordeaux varieties, which will allow this wine to age for years to come.

VINEYARD SOURCES

Appellation	Alexander Valley	Knights Valley
Estate Vineyards	Alexander Mountain Cougar Ridge Buckeye	Kellogg Helena Montana Helena Dakota
Soil Types	Rocky Volcanic	Gravelly Volcanic
Elevation	1800-2400 feet	960 feet
Average Yield	2 tons/acre	2 tons/acre
Average Age of Vines	25 years	20 years
Varieties	Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc	Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot

SPECIFICS

100% SONOMA COUNTY

67% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

12% MERLOT

12% CABERNET FRANC

7% PETIT VERDOT

2% MALBEC

14.7% ALCOHOL, 0.59 TA, 3.68 PH

18 MONTHS BARREL AGING IN 100% NEW FRENCH OAK

ACCLAIM

100 POINTS - ROBERT PARKER, *Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate*, June 2015