



La Joie 2009

PHILOSOPHY

The wines of Vérité, French for “truth,” are the result of a combination of old world experience and new world fruit. Each wine is a distinct blend of unique components harvested from small vineyard blocks, culminating in a meticulously formed union of grape varieties, climate, soil expression, and winemaking technique. Vigneron Pierre Seillan refers to this methodology as *droit du sol*, “right of the soil.”

TASTING NOTES

Very intense color, a dense, deep red-black. Powerful and complex on the nose, with notes of blond tobacco, blackberries and pepper spices. On the palate, very heavy, intense and persistent, with notes of black fruits, spice, licorice and white pepper. The oak is very discreet and integrated into the richness of the wine. Very long finish of silky tannins.

VINEYARD SOURCES

Appellation	Alexander Valley	Bennett Valley	Chalk Hill	Knights Valley
Appellation %	62%	3%	15%	20%
Estate Vineyards	Alexander Mountain, Cougar Ridge	Jackson Park	Vérité Vale, Coyote Hill	Kellog
Soil Types	Rocky Volcanic	Clay, Basalt, Volcanic Ash	Volcanic Ash	Gravelly Volcanic
Elevation	1,800–2,400 feet	600 feet	800-900 feet	960 feet
Average Yield	2 tons/acre	2.5 tons/acre	2 tons/acre	2 tons/acre
Average Age of Vines	25 years	10 years	15 years	20 years
Varieties	Cabernet Sauvignon 94%, Merlot 3%, Cabernet Franc 3%	Merlot 100%	Cabernet Franc 46%, Merlot 24%, Petit Verdot 18%, Malbec 12%	Cabernet Sauvignon 100%

SPECIFICS

100% SONOMA COUNTY

78% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

9% CABERNET FRANC

9% MERLOT

2% PETIT VERDOT

2% MALBEC

14.5% ALCOHOL, 0.56 TA, 3.71 PH

AGED 15 MONTHS IN 100% NEW FRENCH OAK

ACCLAIM

96 POINTS “...Boasts an opaque purple color along with abundant notes of wood spice, barbecued meat, new saddle leather, creme de cassis and forest floor. Rich, full-bodied and powerful with moderately high tannins...”

ROBERT PARKER, *Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate*, December 2013

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