



La Joie 2013

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

An intense red color is very apparent. The nose is rich, complex, and creamy, dominated by fruit with a very discreet nose of oak. The wine shows itself on the palate without restraint and expresses its complexity, power, delight, and richness with notes of ripe, round black fruits. The finish is pronounced by the Cabernet Sauvignon, similar to a grand Pauillac. Grandiose wine in an excellent vintage. Can age 30 years or more.

VINEYARD SOURCES

APPELLATION	Alexander Valley	Bennett Valley	Chalk Hill	Knights Valley
SOIL TYPES	Rocky Volcanic	Clay, Basalt Volcanic Ash	Volcanic Ash	Gravelly Volcanic
ELEVATION	1,800 feet	600 feet	800-900 feet	900 feet
AVERAGE AGE OF VINES	25 years	11 years	15 years	20 years
VARIETIES	Merlot Cabernet Franc Cabernet Sauvignon	Merlot	Cabernet Franc Merlot Petit Verdot	Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot

SPECIFICS

100% SONOMA COUNTY

71% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

16% MERLOT

8% CABERNET FRANC

5% PETIT VERDOT

14.3% ALCOHOL, 0.57 TA, 3.80 PH

AGED 15 MONTHS IN 100% NEW FRENCH OAK

ACCLAIM

100 Points - ROBERT M. PARKER JR., *The Wine Advocate*, October 2015