



La Muse 1999

PHILOSOPHY

VÉRITÉ LA MUSE (VÉRITÉ, IN THE 1998 VINTAGE) WAS INSPIRED BY THE IDEAL OF MARRYING THE CLASSIC APPROACH OF THE FRENCH *vigneron* TO THE EXQUISITE POTENTIAL OF SONOMA COUNTY FRUIT. PIERRE SEILLAN BRINGS 35 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AND INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE OF VINEYARDS AND WINEGROWING TO THE PROCESS OF HAND-SELECTING INDIVIDUAL VINEYARD BLOCKS ACROSS KEY GROWING REGIONS.

THESE BLOCKS, OR *crus* AS PIERRE REFERS TO THEM, WERE SELECTED BASED ON DIVERSE CRITERIA OF SLOPE, SOIL, CLIMATE, ELEVATION, AGE OF VINES AND ASPECT SPECIFICALLY FOR THEIR POTENTIAL TO EXPRESS A STRONG SENSE OF TERROIR. IN THE WINERY, PIERRE COAXES FROM EACH LOT THE PUREST EXPRESSION OF THOSE SITE-SPECIFIC ATTRIBUTES. FINALLY, IN THE BLENDING PROCESS, HE BALANCES THE CHARACTERISTICS OF EACH *cru* TO PRODUCE FINISHED WINES THAT RETAIN THEIR OVERALL SENSE OF TERROIR, BUT ARE MORE BALANCED AND ELEGANT THAN ANY OF THE INDIVIDUAL COMPONENT *crus* MIGHT BE ON THEIR OWN.

TASTING NOTES

THIS WINE IS NOTICEABLY DENSER AND RICHER IN TEXTURE THAN THE 1998 VÉRITÉ. THE WINE RETAINS A SIMILAR LINEAGE WITH RED AND BLACK FRUIT CHARACTERS AND A TEXTURE OF VELVET. WHAT ONE NOTICES LAST IS THE BROAD FINISH THAT LINGERS WELL AFTER CONSUMPTION. THE 1999 VÉRITÉ LA MUSE CAN BE ENJOYED NOW AND THROUGH THE NEXT DECADE.

COMPOSITION

89% MERLOT
11% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

VINEYARD SOURCES

Estate Vineyard	Alexander Mountain Estate	Bennett Mountain	Kellogg	Ahman
Appellation	Alexander Valley	Sonoma Valley	Knights Valley	Carneros
Slope	Northwest Facing	Northwest Facing	Southwest Facing	Southwest Facing
Soil Type	Rocky Volcanic	Sandy Loam	Gravelly Volcanic	Alluvial Clay
Elevation <i>Feet Above Sea Level</i>	800-900 Feet	550-620 Feet	500-960 Feet	100-200 Feet
Average Yield	2 tons/ acre	2 tons/ acre	2 tons/ acre	2 tons/ acre
Age of Vines	10 years of age	15 years of age	20 years of age	10 years of age

SPECIFICS

ALCOHOL: 14.1%
pH: 3.63
T.A.: 0.57 G/100 ML

