



La Muse

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. Vignerons Pierre Seillan refers to this conjunction as *droit du sol*, “right of the soil.”

TASTING NOTES

The 2005 vintage is a very dark to opaque ruby in color. On the nose, there are polished, Bordeaux-like aromas of black cherry and licorice. It is full-bodied on the palate, very focused and balanced with notes of black cherry and licorice followed by a spicy finish with long, elegant and lingering soft minerality. This wine is drinking beautifully now and will continue to age very gracefully.

VINEYARD SOURCES

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| Appellation | Alexander Valley | Knights Valley | Chalk Hill |
| Estate Vineyards | Alexander Mountain | Kellogg | Vérité Vale |
| Soil Types | Rocky Volcanic | Gravelly Volcanic | Volcanic Ash |
| Elevation | 1800 feet | 900 feet | 800 feet |
| Average Yield | 2 tons/acre | 2 tons/acre | 2 tons/acre |
| Average Age of Vines | 25 years | 20 years | 15 years |
| Varieties | Merlot | Merlot | Merlot, Malbec, Cabernet Franc |

SPECIFICS

100% SONOMA COUNTY

88% MERLOT

10% CABERNET FRANC

2% MALBEC

14.5% ALCOHOL, 0.55 TA, 3.56 PH

18 MONTHS BARREL AGING IN 100% NEW FRENCH OAK

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