



## La Muse. 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

Discreet nose on this very young La Muse, classic for a grand Merlot, but already showing notes of black cherry, currants and plum compote. Deep, rich, intense color. On the palate, an overwhelming entry with its power and strength, with a very long finish of beautiful, strong tannins. The complexity is incredible, with notes of licorice, white pepper and black cherry.

### VINEYARD SOURCES

Appellation	Alexander Valley	Bennett Valley	Chalk Hill	Knights Valley
Appellation %	26%	31%	42%	1%
Estate Vineyards	Alexander Mountain	Jackson Park	Vérité Vale, Coyote Hill	Kellog
Soil Types	Rocky Volcanic	Clay, Basalt, Volcanic Ash	Volcanic Ash	Gravelly Volcanic
Elevation	1,800 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	Merlot 91% Cabernet Franc 9%	Merlot 100%	Merlot 72%, Cabernet Franc 17%, Malbec 11%	Cabernet Sauvignon 100%

### SPECIFICS

100% SONOMA COUNTY

85% MERLOT

9% CABERNET FRANC

5% MALBEC

1% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

14.5% ALCOHOL, 0.57 TA, 3.59 pH

AGED 15 MONTHS IN 100% NEW FRENCH OAK

### ACCLAIM

**96+ POINTS** “...A blockbuster offering complex, intense notes of Asian plum sauce, figs, black currants, white chocolate and cedar. The wine reveals an extra level of texture and richness along with full body, an unctuous texture, and a super ripeness and richness that does not go over the top. The tannins are noticeable, but well-integrated as are the new oak and acidity.

This big, backstrapping, Merlot-based wine is meant for long-term cellaring...”

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

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