



La Muse 2012

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

Beautifully brilliant ruby edges of the 2012 La Muse give way to pronounced notes of spice and ripe, black fruit aromas. A rich palate is complemented with complex flavors of almond, spice, and dried fig. The influence of the oak is very discreet, with just a hint of toasted vanilla, and the long-lasting finish is punctuated by the perfect balance of very fine tannins and acidity.

VINEYARD SOURCES

APPELLATION	Alexander Valley	Chalk Hill
SOIL TYPES	Rocky Volcanic	Volcanic Ash
ELEVATION	1,800 feet	800 feet
AVERAGE AGE OF VINES	25 years	15 years
VARIETIES	Merlot Cabernet Franc Malbec	Merlot Cabernet Franc Malbec

SPECIFICS

100% SONOMA COUNTY

85% MERLOT

11% CABERNET FRANC

4% MALBEC

14.5% ALCOHOL, 0.54 TA, 3.72 pH

AGED 15 MONTHS IN 85% NEW FRENCH OAK

ACCLAIM

(96-100) Points - ROBERT PARKER, *Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate*, December 2013