



La Muse 2015

VINTAGE

The winter of 2014-2015 was another mild and dry one, which included only two weekend rainstorms. Budbreak came in mid-March and the vines began to bloom early—at the end of April. A cool April and May with some rainy spells meant that bloom did not finish until June. A warm and dry June led to a July veraison kickoff. Vigneron Pierre Seillan recalls that of his 49 vintages, 2015 was the first to begin picking in August—August 31 to be precise. Harvest lasted 12 days and finished on September 12. Although yields were low, the quality of the grapes in this vintage was outstanding.

TASTING NOTES

The 2015 La Muse opens with a classic ruby-red core and brilliant pink-purple outer rim. A youthful, clean bouquet recalls wildflower bloom in Northern California, aromas of purple flowers and garrigue rising from the rocks. Its fruits are Bing cherries, black raspberry, currants and red apple, offered here in a fresh yet restrained ripeness. Like the rock bed of its loamy Sonoma County vineyard, La Muse bends and turns with seductive aromas of baking spices, juniper berry and a redwood grove in spring. Silky, well-integrated tannins with a lingering finish complete a wine with signature balance. La Muse is from the earth, hinting to depths of clay and alluvial soils, with structure and suppleness that will age beautifully for decades to come. – *August 2017*

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
VINEYARD PLANTED	1990	1999	1995	1997
VARIETIES	Merlot Cabernet Franc Cabernet Sauvignon	Merlot	Cabernet Franc Merlot Malbec	Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot

SPECIFICS

100% SONOMA COUNTY

90% MERLOT

7% CABERNET FRANC

3% MALBEC

14.7% ALCOHOL, 0.60 TA, 3.60 PH

AGED 17 MONTHS IN 100% FRENCH OAK WITH MAJORITY NEW OAK

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97 Points - LISA PERROTTI-BROWN, ROBERT PARKER *The Wine Advocate*, February 2018