



VÉRITÉ

2015

The Vintage of a Lifetime



“I cannot stress enough how truly singular the wines of Vérité are. locations in Knights Valley, Bennett Valley, Alexander Valley and encompass and how dedicated Seillan is to bringing to the forefront

This makes sense when you consider the far-flung vineyard Chalk Hill, the many soil types, topographies and exposures they the unique signatures of these places.”



Vigneron Notes

“The 2015 vintage was one of the finest in my lifetime. While budbreak came in mid-March, 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. Of my 49 vintages, 2015 was the earliest so far, and we began picking the first micro-crus in Chalk Hill at the end of August.

Harvest was completed on September 12 with our pick in the Alexander Mountain Estate. Although yields were low, the concentration and quality of the grapes in this vintage were outstanding.”

PIERRE SEILLAN, VIGNERON



La Muse

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 rising from the rocks.

Crème de cassis, blueberry pie, and black raspberries mingle with red apple 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 berries, and dark chocolate.

Velvety tannins with a lingering finish complete the wine with signature balance. La Muse's signature shows hints of clay and alluvial soils, with structure and suppleness that will age beautifully for decades to come.

—February 2018

Acclaim

97 Points – Lisa Perrotti-Brown, *Robert Parker Wine Advocate*, February 2018

97 Points – James Suckling, *JamesSuckling.com*, May 2018

95 Points – Antonio Galloni, *Vinous*, February 2018

Composition

90% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc, 3% Malbec

La Joie

An enveloping, structured wine, La Joie shows aromas of mint, sage, and lavender in an earth-driven bouquet.

Blackcurrants, ripe cherries, and damson plum fulfill the promise of New World wines, while a brooding finish and fine-grained tannins pay homage to the elegance of the Old World.

The Vérité signature—the message of the soil—is captured in undertones of granite, iron, and limestone. La Joie is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Merlot, developed individually by micro-cru in our Sonoma County vineyards. The wine will age gracefully and reach peak maturity in 30 years.

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Acclaim

99 Points – Lisa Perrotti-Brown, *Robert Parker Wine Advocate*, February 2018

97 Points – James Suckling, *JamesSuckling.com*, May 2018

96 Points – Antonio Galloni, *Vinous*, February 2018

Composition

75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc, 4% Petit Verdot





Le Désir

The hallmark of the 2015 Le Désir is its structured and precise palate. There is a line here, a balance between softness and hardness: iron-rich, rocky minerality, aromas of new leather and cigar, the clear, driving expression of bright red fruit.

Wild blackberries, cherries, and crisp apple join with the signature herbal tone of Cabernet Franc. Fresh, subtle pea shoots and heirloom tomato vine, notes of red licorice, and tobacco box pave the way to a linear, silky finish, resounding with a floral bouquet of lilacs and violets.

Remarkably expressive in its youth, Le Désir is a multilayered and complex wine. Its depths will unfold for decades.

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Acclaim

100 Points – Lisa Perrotti-Brown, *Robert Parker Wine Advocate*, February 2018

98 Points – James Suckling, *JamesSuckling.com*, May 2018

98 Points – Antonio Galloni, *Vinous*, February 2018

Composition

64% Cabernet Franc, 27% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Malbec



The Palette of Vérité

A mosaic of more than 50 micro-crus provides Vigneron Pierre Seillan with a complex palette of aromatics, flavors, textures, and structural elements that he needs to craft the wines of Vérité.

Each micro-cru is harvested and fermented separately, then aged in French oak barrels of various custom toasts. Seillan carefully tailors his winemaking techniques and oak regimens to the personality of each lot. This provides him with hundreds of unique components he can use to create the architecture of the final blends of La Muse, La Joie, and Le Désir.



“Every hillside, every elevation and every aspect offer us a different micro-cru.
The pure expression of these unique sites has from the beginning defined
our winemaking philosophy.”

PIERRE SEILLAN, VIGNERON



Sonoma County

Sonoma County is one of the most diverse grapegrowing regions on earth. Due to the influence of the Pacific Ocean, the climate flows from west to east, rather than north to south. The eastern inland appellations are warm, dry, and ideal for Bordeaux varieties such as Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc. The microclimates in each appellation are warm enough to fully ripen red Bordeaux varieties, but cool enough to retain the natural acidity needed to make timeless, age-worthy wines.



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