



VÉRITÉ
LA MUSE
SONOMA COUNTY
VINTAGE 2016

Merlot-dominant La Muse delivers incredible depth and texture using the finest grape sources from the top micro-crus of eastern Sonoma County. La Muse was first produced in 1998 and was inspired by the finest wines of Pomerol. Vigneron Pierre Seillan tends to a mosaic of more than fifty micro-crus to produce the complex signature of La Muse.

TASTING NOTES

Fragrant aromas of black plums, redcurrants, and dried citrus peel mingle with notes of leather, crème brûlée, and hints of vanilla bean. The flavors on the palate unveil layers of black fruit, toasted cedar, and cassis along with hints of melted dark chocolate, wild thyme, browned butter, and cinnamon. Marked by powdery yet firm tannins and bright acidity, the wine carries its structure with effortless grace. A stony minerality is revealed throughout the elegant, lengthy finish—a signature character of La Muse. Tasted May 2019

BARREL AGING: Aged 17 months in French oak with majority new oak

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN: 93% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc, 2% Malbec

APPELLATIONS: Alexander Valley, Bennett Valley, Chalk Hill, Knights Valley

ALCOHOL: 14%

ACCLAIM

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

100 Points - Jeb Dunnuck, *JebDunnuck.com*, June 2019

96 Points - James Suckling, *JamesSuckling.com*, May 2019

VIGNERON NOTES

The 2016 growing season proved, once again, the importance of pruning. After several years of drought, we adapted our techniques to work in concert with Mother Nature to produce grapes that would result in elegant, age-worthy wines.

The temperatures during the summer growing season were moderate with heat spikes in July and some cooler days in late August. This provided the ideal conditions for slower ripening, resulting in less sugar accumulation and good acidity in the grapes.

The harvest took place within a two-week period across all four appellations, beginning September 6th in Chalk Hill and ending on September 21st in Alexander Valley.

– Pierre Seillan, Vigneron



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