



LA JOIE
SONOMA COUNTY
VINTAGE 2016

Vérité La Joie was inspired by the finest wines from the Pauillac region of Bordeaux. La Joie is derived from a layered concentration of Cabernet Sauvignon vines grown along the steep hillsides and volcanic benches of the Mayacamas Mountains. Vigneron Pierre Seillan tends to a mosaic of more than fifty micro-crus to produce the complex signature of La Joie.

TASTING NOTES

Bold aromas of redcurrants, red plums, and bright pomegranate combine with fresh mint, sage, and dried cloves. On the palate, dried blackcurrants and warm raspberry compote flavors show this wine's Sonoma provenance. Savory notes are abundant and bright, with undertones of fresh pine needles, rhubarb, fresh bay leaf, and an earthy element of wet gravel. The muscular structure is marked by supple, refined tannins, strong acidity, and an elegant finish. Tasted May 2019

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

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN: 84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot

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

ALCOHOL: 14%

ACCLAIM

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

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

97 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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