



LA JOIE
SONOMA COUNTY
VINTAGE 2009

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

Deep red-black color. Powerful and complex on the nose, with notes of blond tobacco, blackberries and pepper spices. The palate is persistent with notes of black fruits, spice, licorice and white pepper. The oak is very discrete and integrated into the richness of the wine. Very long finish of silky tannins.

BARREL AGING: Aged 15 months in 100% new French oak

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN: 78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Cabernet Franc, 9% Merlot,
2% Petit Verdot, 2% Malbec

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

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

ACCLAIM

96 Points - Robert Parker, Jr., *Robert Parker Wine Advocate*, December 2013

95+ Points - Stephen Tanzer, *Vinous*, July 2019

VIGNERON NOTES

The 2009 growing season was long and dry – not quite as warm and constant as the 2007 but the right conditions were present: cool nights from the influence of the Pacific Ocean, long sunny days and low humidity. These three elements are necessary to make a grand cru with balanced acidity, fruit, body and alcohol. We started harvest on September 12 with Malbec and finished on October 2 with the last block of Cabernet Sauvignon — just before heavy rains came on October 13. Our new optical sorter ensured that only whole ripe berries went into the tanks for the cold soak and that stems, leaves and berries that were too big or too small were separated out.

– Pierre Seillan, Vigneron