



LA JOIE  
SONOMA COUNTY  
VINTAGE 2012

*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

On the nose, sweet red and black fruits abound, with red and black plum, very ripe red currant, and tart black cherry. Balancing the fruit are elements of pencil lead, pen ink, powdered mushroom, fresh cut herbs, and menthol, all framed with oak elements of powdered cocoa, toast, clove and nutmeg. A subtle, earthy component of freshly turned topsoil underscores the finish. The mouth-watering vintage will make La Joie a fine complement to the table, either now, or for many years to come.

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

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN: 76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc, 4% Petit Verdot

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

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

ACCLAIM

100 Points - Robert Parker, Jr., *Robert Parker Wine Advocate*, October 2015

19.5/20 Points - Pierre Vila Palleja, *La Revue de France*, April 2018

94 Points - Antonio Galloni, *Vinous*, February 2016

91 Points - James Laube, *Wine Spectator*, October 2015

VIGNERON NOTES

The 2012 growing season, like the acclaimed 2001 vintage, began as another great year with dry, warm temperatures. The spring opened with beautiful, sunny, summer-like days with temperatures in the 90s and cool, foggy nights with temperatures in the 40s, leading to perfectly timed budbreak and bloom. While these unseasonably high temperatures were too warm for Merlot in many appellations, we are fortunate to have a wide variety of micro-crus across Sonoma County at our disposal, enabling us to use the best fruit from our Knights Valley, Alexander Mountain Estate, and Chalk Hill vineyards to create the complex and luxurious wines you expect from Vérité. Harvest took place between September 13 and October 5, 2012.

– Pierre Seillan, Vigneron