



LA JOIE
SONOMA COUNTY
VINTAGE 2013

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

An intense red color is very apparent. The nose is rich, complex, and creamy, dominated by fruit with a very discreet nose of oak. The wine shows itself on the palate without restraint and expresses its complexity, power, delight, and richness with notes of ripe, round black fruits. The finish is pronounced by the Cabernet Sauvignon, similar to a grand Pauillac. Grandiose wine in an excellent vintage. Can age 30 years or more.

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

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN: 71% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc, 5% Petit Verdot

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

ALCOHOL: 14.3%

ACCLAIM

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

99 Points - James Suckling, *JamesSuckling.com*, November 2018

97 Points - Anthony Gismond, *Anthony Gismondi On Wine*, October 2017

95 Points - William Kelley, *Decanter*, April 2017

VIGNERON NOTES

The 2013 growing season was truly a perfect one in Sonoma County. Very little rain during the winter, along with careful pruning and work in the vineyard, was key to controlling the energy of the vines. The growing season was ideal in terms of temperature: an absence of excessive heat allowed for very even ripening. In the spring, the moisture in the soil and the temperature permitted the vines to build a beautiful canopy from budbreak to bloom. Moderate, steady sunshine and temperatures throughout the whole season and cooler nights in August helped balance the acidity and tannins. The 2013 vintage must be one of the top five vintages of Vérité. Harvest took place between September 3 and September 17, 2013.

– Pierre Seillan, Vigneron