



LA JOIE
SONOMA COUNTY
VINTAGE 2014

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

The structure and integrity of Cabernet Sauvignon is on full display in this remarkably layered wine. Cassis, tobacco box, and truffle unite in a powerful testament to the varietal. Born in the gravelly, volcanic soils of Sonoma County, the voice of terroir will echo from the bottle for decades to come.

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

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN: 77% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc, 3% Petit Verdot

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

ALCOHOL: 13.8%

ACCLAIM

97+ Points - Robert Parker, Jr., *Robert Parker Wine Advocate*, October 2016

97+ Points - Jeb Dunnuck, *JebDunnuck.com*, December 2017

97+ Points - Antonio Galloni, *Vinous*, March 2017

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

VIGNERON NOTES

The 2014 growing season was an exceptional one in Sonoma, with a perfect early bloom matched by a beautiful veraison. It was steadfastly sunny yet not too hot, providing a perfect ripening for Merlot and Cabernet Franc, with a longer ripening of Cabernet Sauvignon yielding fruit expressions with elegant and spicy tannins. I consider Sonoma terroir one of the best in the world for Bordeaux blends; it is endowed by complex topography, diversity of soils and an exceptional climate. These elements are all elevated by the influence of the Pacific Ocean, which brings a loyal cooling wind to regulate the temperature every evening. Harvest took place between September 3 and September 20, 2014.

– Pierre Seillan, Vigneron