



LA JOIE
SONOMA COUNTY
VINTAGE 2015

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 enveloping, structured wine, La Joie pours a vibrant purple core graduating to a deep outer rim. Mint, sage and lavender aromas fill out an earth-driven bouquet. Ripe fruit—black currant and cherries, damson plum—fulfill the promise of new world wines, while a brooding finish and grippy, well-integrated tannins pay homage to the old world. The Vérité signature—the message of the soil—is here captured in undertones of granite, iron and limestone. A blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot, developed individually by micro-cru in our Sonoma County vineyards, the wine will mature gracefully for many years to come. *Tasting Date: August 2017*

BARREL AGING: Aged 17 months in 100% French oak, majority new oak

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN: 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc, 4% Petit Verdot

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

ALCOHOL: 13.9%

ACCLAIM

99 Points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, *Robert Parker Wine Advocate*, February 2018

98 Points - Jane Anson, *Decanter*, October 2018

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

VIGNERON NOTES

The winter of 2014 - 2015 was another mild and dry one, which included only two weekend rainstorms. Budbreak came in mid-March and the vines began to bloom early — at the end of April. A cool April and May with some rainy spells meant that bloom did not finish until June. A warm and dry June led to a July veraison kickoff. Harvest lasted 12 days, taking place between August 31 and September 12. Although yields were low, the quality of the grapes in this vintage was outstanding.

– Pierre Seillan, Vigneron