



LA MUSE  
SONOMA COUNTY  
VINTAGE 2002

*Merlot-dominant La Muse delivers incredible depth and texture using the finest grape sources from the top micro-crus of eastern Sonoma County. La Muse was first produced in 1998 and was inspired by the finest wines of Pomerol. Vigneron Pierre Seillan tends to a mosaic of more than fifty micro-crus to produce the complex signature of La Muse.*

TASTING NOTES

The 2002 La Muse is a marvel of complex fruit and savory notes harmoniously intermingling. The color is a dark ruby with just a touch of garnet around the rim. The wine possesses incredibly fresh acidity, with a moderate level of silky, fine-textured tannin. Intense notes of raspberry coulis, pomegranate, Bing cherry, redcurrant, leather, dried porcini, forest floor, sweet tobacco leaf, truffle, and a touch of black olive tapenade combine for a beautifully complex wine. Tasted directly from the bottle prior to decanting, the 2002 La Muse is quite savory, with the fruit emerging and fleshing out around the forty-five-minute mark in the decanter. The delicacy and tannin structure of this wine will allow ten to twenty years of aging. *Tasting Date: November 2017*

**BARREL AGING:** Aged 16 months in French oak with majority new oak

**VARIETAL BREAKDOWN:** 92% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc, 1% Malbec

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

**ALCOHOL:** 14.1%

ACCLAIM

99 Points - Robert Parker, Jr., *Robert Parker Wine Advocate*, June 2012

98 Points - Jeb Dunnuck, *JebDunnuck.com*, June 2019

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

92 Points - Stephen Tanzer, *Vinous*, May 2005

VIGNERON NOTES

Harvest kicked off in Knights Valley with the Merlot and finished with Cabernet Franc from Alexander Mountain Estate. This season was a bit drier than average; the spring was mild, and the summer was warmer than in 2001 but with the influence of the Pacific Ocean which brings cool nights. The 2002s are drinking beautifully and will continue to evolve beautifully. Harvest took place between September 9 and September 23, 2002.

– Pierre Seillan, Vigneron