

LA MUSE SONOMA COUNTY VINTAGE 2007

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

A wine of great intensity with notes of black fruits, well balanced, with a long finish of mature tannins and elegant oak. The bouquet and the palate will continue to develop over the next 5-10 years.

BARREL AGING: Aged 16 months in 100% new French oak VARIETAL BREAKDOWN: 85% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc, 5% Malbec APPELLATIONS: Alexander Valley, Bennett Valley, Chalk Hill, Knights Valley ALCOHOL: 14.4%

ACCLAIM

100 Points - Robert Parker, Jr., *Robert Parker Wine Advocate*, May 2011 100 Points - Steve Heimoff, *Wine Enthusiast*, July 2012 95 Points - Stephen Tanzer, *Vinous*, May 2017

VIGNERON NOTES

A lovely season for all of California, 2007 began with a mild winter with below normal rainfall and was followed by a dry spring. These conditions led to an early budbreak. Very consistent temperatures and weather throughout the growing season resulted in a fruit set of perfect, even grape clusters. Furthermore, berries were smaller this year, which means a greater skin to juice ratio and thus a big concentration of flavors. Harvest took place September 4 – September 27, 2007.

- Pierre Seillan, Vigneron