



LA MUSE  
SONOMA COUNTY  
VINTAGE 2015

*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 2015 La Muse opens with a classic ruby-red core and brilliant pink-purple outer rim. A youthful, clean bouquet recalls wildflower bloom in Northern California, aromas of purple flowers and garrigue rising from the rocks. Its fruits are Bing cherries, black raspberry, currants and red apple, offered here in a fresh yet restrained ripeness. Like the rock bed of its loamy Sonoma County vineyard, La Muse bends and turns with seductive aromas of baking spices, juniper berry and a redwood grove in spring. Silky, well-integrated tannins with a lingering finish complete a wine with signature balance. La Muse is from the earth, hinting to depths of clay and alluvial soils, with structure and suppleness that will age beautifully for decades to come. *Tasting Date: August 2017*

**BARREL AGING:** Aged 17 months in French oak with majority new oak

**VARIETAL BREAKDOWN:** 90% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc, 3% Malbec

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

**ALCOHOL:** 14.7%

ACCLAIM

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