



LA MUSE
SONOMA COUNTY
VINTAGE 2023

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 is inspired by the finest wines of Pomerol, France.

TASTING NOTES

A delicate rim of ruby color encircles the dark, ruby-black center of 2023 La Muse, giving rise to aromas of crisp strawberry, raspberry, and black plum, interwoven with lightly roasted espresso, warm almond paste, toasted English toffee, and a subtle note of fresh greenery. The palate mirrors these impressions, revealing a structure which is strikingly linear, though balanced by a texture of soft, crushed velvet. Firm, refined tannins and brilliant acidity drive to a long, satisfying finish, laced with wet-stone minerality. — *Tasting Date: January 2026*

BARREL AGING

Aged 16 months in French oak, 95% new

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN

89% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc, 5% Malbec

APPELLATIONS

Alexander Valley, Bennett Valley, Chalk Hill, Knights Valley

ALCOHOL

14.3%

VIGNERON NOTES

2023 will be remembered as one of longest and coolest growing seasons in recent Sonoma County history

The months following completion of the 2022 harvest saw cool weather with the return of abundant rainfall, breaking the ongoing drought, and reinvigorating the energy in our vineyard soils. This cold, wet weather persisted deep into the spring of 2023, delaying budbreak and flowering, though by mid-May the rains subsided, and gentle, warm weather set in. Although the season was several weeks later than average, the growing conditions throughout summer and fall were ideal, allowing slow phenolic maturation of the fruit, with gentle accumulation of sugars. Harvest lasted over a month, beginning with Block 601 Merlot on September 25, and concluding when our last micro-cru was brought in, on October 31.

The wines of Vérité from this long, cool vintage carry a tension delivered by balanced alcohol levels and vivacious acidity, however they possess exceptional concentration and power. They are charming in their youth, but are endowed with the freshness, balance, and structure to age for a very, very long time.

— Pierre Seillan, Vigneron

— Hélène Seillan, Assistant Vigneron