



LA JOIE
SONOMA COUNTY
VINTAGE 1998

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

The wine is a deep ruby red, moving to a glowing garnet rim. The bouquet leaps from the glass with explosive notes of just-picked wild strawberries, dried rose petals, worn leather, game, and forest floor. Layers of tobacco, holiday spices, pine tree, and cocoa round out this remarkably vibrant library wine. As these taut, precise flavors unfold across the palate, the terroir of Sonoma's top vineyard plots, grown and harvested by micro-cru, is expressed in gritty notes of iron, volcanic rock, and granite. A strong tannic grip dominates the mouthfeel at first, before relenting its grip to an elegant, lingering finish.
Tasting Date: February 2018

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

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN: 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot

APPELLATIONS: Alexander Valley, Chalk Hill, Knights Valley

ALCOHOL: 14.1%

ACCLAIM

94 Points - Robert Parker, Jr., *Robert Parker Wine Advocate*, May 2011

VIGNERON NOTES

The 1998 vintage, my first vintage of Vérité, was a challenging year. The influence of El Niño from the Pacific Ocean made for a very cold, rainy and wet season. We received almost twice the average amount of rainfall from late October to early June, which pushed bud break into early April and thus made for a challenging flowering. However, it was a great vintage to showcase how pruning, careful vineyard operations and sensitivity to the needs of each micro-cru can create a beautiful wine – even in a challenging year. Harvest took place October 10 through October 26.

– Pierre Seillan, Vigneron



LA JOIE
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VINTAGE 2008

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TASTING NOTES

Ruby red shades reveal a perfect blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc. A symphony of cassis, black raspberry and black cherry with a hint of red fruit moves across the palate; aromas of mint, sage, tobacco box and graphite are elevated in La Joie's signature granitic minerality. This is a sophisticated wine with an elegant bouquet and powerful, grippy tannins that ends in a long, silky finish. *Tasting Date: February 2018*

BARREL AGING: Aged 16 months in 100% French oak, majority new oak

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN: 71% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc,
4% Petit Verdot, 3% Malbec

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

ALCOHOL: 14.3%

ACCLAIM

99 Points - Robert Parker, Jr., *Robert Parker Wine Advocate*, May 2011

VIGNERON NOTES

Great wines are often created in difficult years. The 2008 is no exception: at times it was hot, at times it was cool and at times it was humid. These three conflicting elements have resulted in great wines with balanced acidity, fruit, body and alcohol. Harvest took place September 4 - September 25, 2008.

- Pierre Seillan, Vigneron



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TASTING NOTES

The 2018 La Joie displays a brilliant violet core with a thin rim of bright ruby. Generous fruit-forward aromas of ripe black currant and black cherry are followed by earthy notes of fresh conifer, dried mushroom, black olive, dusty clay, anise and clove. The palate is rich and structured; possessing similar flavors of the nose, refined tannins, well-balanced acidity and a complex, luscious finish.

BARREL AGING: Aged 16 months in French oak, 95% new

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN: 76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc,
5% Petit Verdot, 3% Malbec

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

ALCOHOL: 13.9%

ACCLAIM

98 Points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, *Robert Parker Wine Advocate*, July 2021

98+ Points - Jeb Dunnuck, *JebDunnuck.com*, July 2021

99 Points - James Suckling, *JamesSuckling.com*, March 2021

VIGNERON NOTES

2018 surely belongs in the ranks of top California vintages from the past two decades. The vintage was marked by ideal weather conditions from budbreak to harvest, which yielded balanced, layered, and structured wines, that will age for decades.

Replenishing winter rains and mild spring temperatures produced a late budbreak, followed by flawless flowering and fruit-set. The growing season that followed was long and relatively cool, encouraging slow and even ripening, allowing tannins to mature while retaining moderate sugar levels, and all-important acidity.

Harvest began early on the morning of September 12 under cool conditions, and concluded on October 5, with our oldest block of 40-year-old mountainside Cabernet Sauvignon.

– Pierre Seillan, Vigneron