



VÉRITÉ
LA JOIE
SONOMA COUNTY
VINTAGE 2018

Inspired by the classic wines from the Pauillac region of Bordeaux, Vérité La Joie is blended from numerous mature plantings of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, and Petit Verdot, grown along the steep hillsides and volcanic benches of the Mayacamas Mountains.

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. — *Tasting Date: February 2021*

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

– Hélène Seillan, Assistant Winemaker