



LA JOIE
SONOMA COUNTY
VINTAGE 2019

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

2019 La Joie shows a rich core of black-violet concentration, ringed with a very thin, youthful looking violet rim. The fruit aromatics are fresh and vibrant, with black currant & black plum compote, joined by elements of fresh cut greenery, subtle pine resin, iodine, and roasted baking spices. The palate illustrates the power and suppleness of the 2019 vintage, lending a purity and sweetness to each of the flavors described. The texture is balanced by tannins evocative of dark baking cocoa and robust acidity, both of which lead to a long, persistent finish.
— *Tasting Date: March 2022*

BARREL AGING

Aged 16 months in French oak, 95% new

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN

84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc, 4% Petit Verdot

APPELLATIONS

Alexander Valley, Bennett Valley, Chalk Hill, Knights Valley

ALCOHOL

14.3%

ACCLAIM

99 Points - Erin Brooks, *Robert Parker Wine Advocate*, July 2022

100 Points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW, *The Wine Independent*, June 2022

98 Points - James Suckling, *JamesSuckling.com*, March 2022

VIGNERON NOTES

2019 represents a classically balanced season from our Sonoma County vineyards, and the resulting wines show a stunning combination of generous fruit with ample structure, that will yield decades of pleasure.

A vintage marked from the outset by plentiful winter rainfall, 2019 began with vineyard soils holding abundant moisture & well-prepared for the upcoming growing season. Budbreak occurred throughout early to mid-April, and the spring & summer months proceeded with above average warmth.

Minor heat spikes helped push ripeness throughout August and September, and harvest began with our Vérité Vale Vineyard Merlot on September 12. The final blocks were brought into the winery on October 2, and the resulting wines are concentrated and focused, with supple richness.

— Pierre Seillan, Vigneron

— Hélène Seillan, Assistant Winemaker