



LA MUSE  
SONOMA COUNTY  
VINTAGE 2019

*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

2019 La Muse shimmers with a deep violet-ruby core of color, expressing opulent fruit aromas of candied red & black cherry, and wild fresh blackberry, with perfumed notes of dried potpourri, dried rosemary, and essences of sandalwood, toasted cinnamon, nutmeg, and clove from French oak aging. The palate perfectly mirrors the nose, along with tannins reminiscent of dark cocoa nib, bright acidity, and petrichor minerality, all of which work to balance the supple texture of this wine, driving to a very long finish. — *Tasting Date: March 2022*

BARREL AGING

Aged 16 months in French oak, 95% new

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN

90% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc, 5% Malbec

APPELLATIONS

Alexander Valley, Bennett Valley, Chalk Hill, Knights Valley

ALCOHOL

14.1%

ACCLAIM

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

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

99 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