



*“Mountain  
vineyards,  
classical  
winemaking,  
limited  
production”*

  
PETER MICHAEL  
WINERY

**LES PAVOTS VINEYARD**

*High above Knights Valley  
Eastern Sonoma County*

Sourced from replanted blocks  
(1996-1999)

Cabernet Sauvignon: 12 acres

Merlot: 8 acres

Cabernet Franc: 4 acres

Elevation: 1,200 – 1,500 feet

Soil: volcanic-origin rhyolite

Exposure: southerly

**2001**  
**L'ESPRIT**  
**DES PAVOTS**

*Estate Vineyard*  
*Bordeaux Blend*



**VINTAGE**  
**NOTES**

The 2001 growing season began with the coldest spring frosts in winery history, which lowered yields by more than 1/3. A hot May and June followed allowing the vines to "catch up." By August the weather evened out and a moderate, dry and sunny September and October brought slow sugar development, small berry size and great concentrations of flavor.

**WINEGROWING**  
**NOTES**

L'Esprit des Pavots literally means "The Spirit of the Poppies." This wine was grown in and made from the original Les Pavots vineyard blocks that we completely replanted between 1996-99 due to phylloxera. In replanting, we spared no expense, utilizing only the rarest and best clones of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc. The 2001 vintage wine made from these young vine blocks, while not quite Les Pavots, captures the "spirit" of the Les Pavots terroir.

**TASTING**  
**NOTES**

You'll recognize all the familiar Les Pavots notes of blueberry, cassis, licorice, cedar, coffee beans and chocolate. Yet these new vines make unique contributions, such as notes of red cherries and sweet red pepper in the wine's complex bouquet. L'Esprit des Pavots is lush, concentrated and full-bodied, with abundant youthful tannins and a long finish. L'Esprit des Pavots can be enjoyed now and should age well for a decade.

**WINE**  
**INFORMATION**

Harvested: October 2001  
47% Cabernet Franc, 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Merlot  
Aged in French oak barrels from selected artisan coopers  
Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered May 28, 2003  
Alcohol: 15.6%  
Production: 843 cases 750ml bottles  
Release: September 1, 2004