



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

LES PAVOTS VINEYARD

*Peter Michael Estate
High above Knights Valley
Eastern Sonoma County*

Sourced from replanted blocks:

1996 – 1999

Cabernet Sauvignon: 12 acres

Cabernet Franc: 4 acres

Merlot: 8 acres

Elevation: 1,000 – 1,200 feet

Soil: volcanic-origin rhyolite

Exposure: southerly



PETER MICHAEL
WINERY

2003

L'ESPRIT DES PAVOTS

Single Vineyard

Estate Red Bordeaux Blend



**VINTAGE
NOTES**

The 2003 growing season was marked by distinct variations in weather patterns. A cold and wet early spring caused early concern, but a trouble-free bloom in May resulted in excellent berry set for the younger Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot vines. Sunny hot weather followed, dismissing earlier concerns and accelerating ripening and advanced flavors in the grape clusters. The warm weather endured with sustained hot and dry conditions, ensuring even ripening all the way to another classic harvest, commencing on October 25th.

**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 and 1999 due to phylloxera. In replanting, we spared no expense, utilizing only the rarest and best clones of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. The 2003 vintage wine made from these young vine blocks captures the "spirit" of the Les Pavots terroir.

**WINEMAKER'S
TASTING
NOTES**

Spectacularly rich and intense, this second vintage of L'Esprit des Pavots displays all of the usual features which characterize the Les Pavots terroir: blueberry, lavender, licorice, chocolate, cedar and roasted coffee beans. The fruit of the young vines brought additional aromas of red cherries and red pepper to the complex bouquet. Full-bodied, rich and concentrated, the palate exhibits abundant youthful yet beautiful tannins and a lingering finish. Enjoyable at release time, this great wine should age well for a decade.

**WINE
INFORMATION**

Harvested: October 2003
95% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Merlot
Alcohol: 14.8%
Bottled: May 17, 2005