



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


PETER MICHAEL
WINERY

LES PAVOTS VINEYARD

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

Planted: 1989

Cabernet Sauvignon 18 acres

Cabernet Franc 2 acres

Merlot 3 acres

Elevation: 1,500 – 1,800 feet

Soil: Rocky, volcanic-origin,
Rhyolite

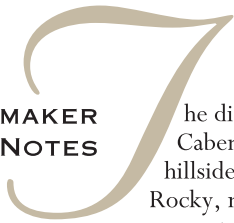
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1999
LES PAVOTS

Estate
Proprietary
Red Wine



WINEMAKER
NOTES



The distinctive aromas and flavors of our proprietary blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot exhibits its hillside origin on the slopes of Mt. St. Helena in Knights Valley. Rocky, rhyolitic soils created through volcanic activity millennia ago contribute a mineral richness and add to the wine's complexity. Spanning 23 acres, Les Pavots ascends to an elevation of nearly 1800 feet. Merlot and Cabernet Franc grow on the cool upper slopes and Cabernet Sauvignon grows just below.

Grapes are handpicked in late October and then cold soaked in a tank for almost four days before fermentation. Traditional Bordeaux vinification fermentation contributes to the intense color extraction and soft, round tannins. Our 1999 Les Pavots was aged in small French oak barrels for 24 months and bottled without fining or filtration. After being bottled in November 2001, this wine was aged for 5 months before release.

TASTING
NOTES

Aromas of cassis, blueberry, lavender and coffee interspersed with oak nuances of cedar and tobacco. Rich, ripe fruit impressions on the palate accentuated by silky, yet assertive tannins. The 1999 Les Pavots possesses a unique balance, full body, concentrated extract and a fine finish. Les Pavots is a fusion of traditional French and neo-classical Californian winemaking techniques. The wine is ready for near term enjoyment and has the richness, extract and structure for 5 to 7 more years of aging.

WINE
INFORMATION

Harvested: October 10-30, 1999

68% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Cabernet Franc, 17% Merlot

Aged in Nevers oak barrels

Bottled: November 6 & 7, 2001

Alcohol: 14.1%

Production: 2164 cases 750ml bottles, 700 1.5L and 60 3.0L bottles

Release date: April 1, 2002