

2004 LES PAVOTS ESTATE RED BORDEAUX BLEND
VINEYARD AND WINEMAKER NOTES



*M*ountain
vineyards,
classical
winemaking,
limited
production”

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: 1,000 – 1,400 feet

Soil: rocky, volcanic-origin,
rhyolite

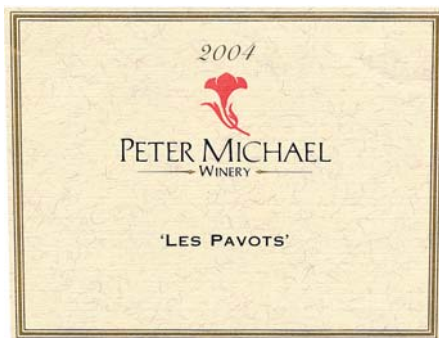
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PETER MICHAEL
WINERY

2004
LES PAVOTS

Single Vineyard
Estate Red Bordeaux Blend



**VINTAGE
NOTES**

Persistent heavy rains characterized winter 2004, giving way to a sustained heat spell in March. As the rains ceased for the season a second heat spike resulted in some of the earliest bloom the Peter Michael vineyards had ever witnessed: some in late April. The bloom period was sunny and warm throughout May and resulted in great berry set. Following a hot, dry summer, we entered the final stages of ripening at a consistent, steady and even pace. Because of temperatures in the 90s, harvest began early: in late August, and finished midway through October.

**WINEGROWING
NOTES**

The distinctive aromas and flavors of our proprietary blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Merlot exhibit its hillside origin on the slopes of Mt. St. Helena in Knights Valley. Rocky, rhyolitic soils created through volcanic activity contribute a mineral richness. Spanning 23 acres, Les Pavots ascends to an elevation of 1,400 feet. Merlot and Cabernet Franc grow on the cool upper slopes, and Cabernet Sauvignon grows just below.

**WINEMAKER'S
TASTING
NOTES**

Saturated ruby color with a nuance of crimson, 2004 Les Pavots reveals an intense bouquet of black cherry, black currant, blueberry and blackberry, which are interspersed with nuances of cedar, cacao, cigar box, black tea, graphite, lavender, forest floor, sweet vanilla and a touch of cloves. Very full-bodied, this wine offers the same rich ripe fruit impressions on the palate. The mouth feel is full and round, with slightly firm tannins, which lead to a long finish. 2004 Les Pavots will benefit from another year of cellaring for near term enjoyment and will age gracefully for a decade or more.

**WINE
INFORMATION**

Harvested: September 25 through October 25, 2004
62% Cabernet Sauvignon, 21% Merlot, 14% Cabernet Franc
and 3% Petit Verdot
Aged 22 months in French oak barrels from selected artisan coopers
Bottled: May 17–18, 2005
Alcohol: 15.1%
Production: 1,964 cases 750ml bottles, 135 cases 1.5L bottles
and 96 3L bottles
Release: April 2, 2007