

Verite and Cardinale Tasting



Date : Thursday, 16th February, 2017
 Time : 6:30pm to 8:00pm
 Venue : 12/F Hong Kong Wine Vault (Wong Chuk Hang)
 No. of Attendees : 60
 Wines Tasted : Cardinale 2013 (Parker 96pts)
 Cardinale 2007 (Parker 94pts)
 Verite Le Desir 2013 (Parker 99pts)
 Verite Le Desir 2006 (Parker 90pts)
 Verite La Joie 2013 (Parker 100pts)
 Verite La Joie 2006 (Parker 92pts)
 Verite La Muse 2013 (Parker 100pts)
 Verite La Muse 2006 (Parker 92pts)



Vérité produce wines without compromise, wines that reflect the terroir in which they are grown. The name **Vérité** comes from the French word for truth, reflecting their soil with integrity as well as the winemaking technique which can call “right of the soil”. The wines are a combination of old-world

experience and new-world fruit. Since the winery’s founding in 1998, they has identified more than 40 micro-crus along the western slopes of the Mayacamas Mountain Range in Sonoma County. These micro-crus are actually small vineyards within vineyards, a palette of soil types. Hand farmed for extremely low yields, they produce wines of exceptional quality and character. Each vintage the winery releases three Bordeaux-inspired blends: **La Muse** (Merlot-based), **La Joie** (Cabernet Sauvignon-based) and **Le Désir** (Cabernet Franc-based), these are legendary wines of great extract, richness and potential of longevity and complexity.



Vérité winery has not only received the most Robert Parker 100-points in Sonoma County of California, it has also achieved a 10-year average Robert Parker score of 97-points, on par with **Harlan Estate** and **Screaming Eagle**!



It was our great pleasure to have Mr. Moritz Moller (left), the Sales Director of Jackson Family Estates to present their premium wines to us.



Cardinale winery is located in the heart of Napa Valley, producing Cabernet Sauvignon wines with a limited-production from Napa Valley's most recognized mountain appellations including Mt. Veeder, Spring Mountain, Howell Mountain and Diamond Mountain. The wine of **Cardinale** is sophisticated,

powerful, and a true expression of Napa. Cardinale is more than one wine – it is several wines from disparate mountain and benchland vineyards along the Mayacamas and Vaca ranges that surround Napa Valley. Every bottle reveals the artistic sensibility of the winemaker, each vineyard lot fused into a seamless blend in which you can sense the constituent parts, but still taste them as one wine. The philosophy is guided by the pursuit of grape selectivity in the vineyard, gentle handling and the ability to accommodate the different winemaking needs of each vintage.



Cardinale 2013

A blend of 86% Cabernet Sauvignon and 14% Merlot. It emerges lots of black fruit flavors, leather and coffee on the nose. Full-bodied, licorice, very good concentration with gorgeous texture and excellent length on the finish!

Cardinale 2007

A blend of 86% Cabernet Sauvignon and 14% Merlot with Alcohol 14.8%. It exhibits the musky aromas of black cherries with touches of cedar and toasty on the nose. Full-bodied, rich, licorice, ripe tannin and layered textures. Delicious, brilliant finish!

Verite La Desir 2013

A blend of 61% Cabernet Franc, 23% Merlot, 11% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Malbec. The La Desir 2013 appears intense color, nose with lots of developments, licorice, plum, coffee

and black fruits flavors. Full-bodied, powerful, spicy and multilayered mouthfeel and incredible finish.

Verite La Desir 2006

The La Desir 2006 shows lots of blackberry, licorice and crème de cassis on the nose, the palate is rounded on the entry, good concentration, moderate tannin with well-balanced, and excellent length on the finish.

Verite La Joie 2013

A blend of 71% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc and 5% Petit Verdot. It offers up a succession of delicate aromas of Cherries, plums, herbs and smoky on the nose. Full-bodied, rich, super-concentrated, licorice, menthol and the length is impressive and fresh note on the finish. This good wine is also one to keep an eye on!

Verite La Joie 2006

It appears layers of dark red fruit, complex flavors of crème de cassis, licorice and spicy. Good concentration, silky tannin and well balanced finish.

Verite La Muse 2013

A blend of 89% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc and 3% Malbec. It displays a dense blue/purple colored along with gorgeous nose of black cherry, licorice and a touch of floral note. The palate is full-bodied, truffle, leather, impressive concentrated and complex with lengthy finish goes on and on.

Verite La Muse 2006

The La Muse 2006 exhibits notes of black cherry, earthy, cedar on the nose. Medium to full-bodied, mineral, tannic and well structured.