

2004 L'ESPRIT DES PAVOTS ESTATE RED BORDEAUX BLEND
VINEYARD AND WINEMAKER NOTES



*“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

2004

L'ESPRIT DES PAVOTS

Single Vineyard

Estate Red Bordeaux Blend



**VINTAGE
NOTES**



ersistent heavy rains characterized winter 2004, giving way to a sustained heat spell midway through March. As the spring 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 sustained temperatures in the 90s, harvest began early (in late August) and culminated midway through October.

**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 2004 vintage wine made from these young vine blocks captures the "spirit" of the Les Pavots terroir.

**WINEMAKER'S
TASTING
NOTES**

The 2004 of L'Esprit des Pavots displays all of the usual features, which characterize the Les Pavots terroir: blueberry, vanilla beans, licorice, chocolate, cedar and coffee. Spectacularly rich and intense, the fruit of the younger vines brings additional aromas of red cherries, plums and red pepper to the complex bouquet. The palate is full-bodied, rich and concentrated, exhibiting abundant, youthful yet supple tannins and a lingering finish. Fruit forward and enjoyable at release time, this great wine should age well for a decade.

**WINE
INFORMATION**

Harvested: September 22, 2004 – October 12, 2004
Blend: 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Cabernet Franc,
17% Merlot & 5% Petit Verdot
Aged 18 months in French oak barrels from selected artisan coopers
Alcohol: 15.1%
Bottled: May 15, 2006; Release: September 3, 2007