



VÉRITÉ

Le Désir  
2002

VINTAGE

The 2002 harvest began September 9th and concluded on the 23rd. It started in Knights Valley with Merlot, and finished with Cabernet Franc from the Alexander Mountain Estate. This vintage was a bit drier than average, with a mild spring and a warmer summer. The wines retain great acidity. Overall an excellent vintage.

TASTING NOTES

The 2002 Le Désir is velvety and savory. The wine is a dark ruby with a garnet rim. The tannins show a fine-textured silkiness, while the acidity provides excellent lift. In the glass there is black cherry coulis, cocoa nibs, mocha, dried herbs, dried violets and cured meat. The wine begins to unfold after thirty minutes in the decanter, changing and evolving across layers of flavor and complexity.

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VINEYARD SOURCES

APPELLATION	Alexander Valley	Bennett Valley	Chalk Hill	Knights Valley
SOIL TYPES	Rocky Volcanic	Clay, Basalt Volcanic Ash	Volcanic Ash	Gravelly Volcanic
ELEVATION	1,800 feet	600 feet	800-900 feet	900 feet
VINEYARD PLANTED	1990	1999	1995	1997
VARIETIES	Merlot Cabernet Franc Cabernet Sauvignon	Merlot	Cabernet Franc Merlot Malbec	Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot

SPECIFICS

100% SONOMA COUNTY

52.7% MERLOT

41.2% CABERNET FRANC

5.1% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

1.0% MALBEC

14.1% ALCOHOL, 0.59 TA, 3.54 PH

AGED 16 MONTHS IN 100% FRENCH OAK WITH MAJORITY NEW OAK

ACCLAIM

93 Points - ROBERT M. PARKER JR., *The Wine Advocate*, June 2011