



VÉRITÉ

Le Désir
2004

VINTAGE

The 2004 harvest kicked off on August 31st with Merlot from Alexander Mountain Estate, wrapping up on September 17th. A moderately rainy winter gave way to a warm, dry spring, creating an early budbreak. The warm temperatures initiated early bloom with good berry set. A warm and dry summer allowed for even ripening, with a few hot days at the beginning of August leading to an early harvest. A top vintage.

TASTING NOTES

The 2004 Le Désir is rich and plush. Fine and silky tannins make for a luxurious mouthfeel, while stimulating acidity provides a refreshing framework. The wine boasts dried cherry, espresso bean, mocha, thyme, graphite, cigar box and dried violets. The fruit is followed by a host of savory flavors that continue to evolve and progress.

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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

49.2% MERLOT
46.9% CABERNET FRANC
3.8% CABERNET SAUVIGNON
0.1% MALBEC

14.7% ALCOHOL, 0.58 TA, 3.67 PH
AGED 16 MONTHS IN 100% FRENCH OAK WITH MAJORITY NEW OAK

ACCLAIM

98 Points – ROBERT M. PARKER JR., *The Wine Advocate*, June 2011