



# Le Désir 2005

## PHILOSOPHY

French for “truth,” the wines of Vérité result from a confluence of old world experience and new world fruit. Each is an amalgam of distinct components harvested from small vineyard blocks (micro-crus), resulting in a carefully considered convergence of grape varieties, climate, soil exposition and winemaking technique. Vigneron Pierre Seillan refers to this conjunction as *droit du sol*, “right of the soil.”

## TASTING NOTES

The 2005 Le Désir is a dark to opaque ruby color with a rich nose of cassis, spicy licorice and rose petal aromas. The wine is very concentrated on the palate, rich, elegant and complex. A full bodied wine with intense flavors of black and red cherries and licorice, followed by a long spicy finish. The elegant tannins will soften with decanting.

Le Désir highlights Pierre’s passion for the unpretentious Cabernet Franc grape. Although most frequently used to enhance Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon blends, Cabernet Franc, when crafted with an artisan approach, possesses the character to play the principal role in a fine wine blend.

## VINEYARD SOURCES

Appellation	Alexander Valley	Knights Valley	Chalk Hill/Dry Creek
Estate Vineyards	Alexander Mountain Cougar Ridge	Kellogg	Vérité Vale Coyote Hill
Soil Types	Rocky Volcanic	Gravelly Volcanic	Volcanic Ash
Elevation	1800 feet	900 feet	800-900 feet
Average Yield	2 tons/acre	2 tons/acre	2 tons/acre
Average Age of Vines	25 years	20 years	15 years
Varieties	Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon	Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Franc, Malbec

## SPECIFICS

100% SONOMA COUNTY

50% CABERNET FRANC

39% MERLOT

9% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2% MALBEC

14.4% ALCOHOL, 0.56 TA, 3.62 PH

18 MONTHS BARREL AGING IN 100% NEW FRENCH OAK

## ACCLAIM

100 POINTS - ROBERT PARKER, *Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate*, June 2015