



VÉRITÉ

Le Désir  
2008

VINTAGE

Great wines are often created in difficult years. The 2008 is no exception: at times it was hot, at times it was cool and at times it was humid. These three conflicting elements have resulted in great wines with balanced acidity, fruit, body and alcohol. Harvest took place September 4th through September 25th.

– Pierre Seillan, *Vigneron*

TASTING NOTES

Vibrant, youthful reds and purples set the visual stage for this timeless varietal, here presented in its top form. Cabernet Franc is the centerpiece of the wine, highlighting black raspberries, black cherries and a complex, spiced bouquet of Herbes de Provence and dried thyme.

Grown in the iron-rich soil of our Sonoma County vineyards, and tended in the legendary tradition of Pierre Seillan, this most structured and precise wine finds perfect balance in a high center of gravity and a long finish.

– February 2018

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

61% CABERNET FRANC

31% MERLOT

4% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

4% MALBEC

14.0% ALCOHOL, 0.57 TA, 3.67 PH

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

ACCLAIM

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