



Le Désir 2009

PHILOSOPHY

The wines of Vérité, French for “truth,” are the result of a combination of old world experience and new world fruit. Each wine is a distinct blend of unique components harvested from small vineyard blocks, culminating in a meticulously formed union of grape varieties, climate, soil expression, and winemaking technique. Vigneron Pierre Seillan refers to this methodology as *droit du sol*, “right of the soil.”

TASTING NOTES

Intense, deep inky color. Already expressing an aroma that is well integrated, silky and refined but powerful. On the palate, an immediate explosion of complexity, where the Cabernet Franc shows its personality, its signature, its finesse, with power that makes the finish infinitely long. Very ripe currants, blackberry, plum, anise, licorice, white spice and discreet oak. A magnificent bottle.

VINEYARD SOURCES

Appellation	Alexander Valley	Bennett Valley	Chalk Hill	Knights Valley
Appellation %	28%	4%	65%	3%
Estate Vineyards	Alexander Mountain, Cougar Ridge	Jackson Park	Vérité Vale, Coyote Hill	Kellog
Soil Types	Rocky Volcanic	Clay, Basalt Volcanic Ash	Volcanic Ash	Gravelly Volcanic
Elevation	1,800 feet	600 feet	800–900 feet	960 feet
Average Yield	2 tons/acre	2.5 tons/acre	2 tons/acre	2 tons/acre
Average Age of Vines	25 years	10 years	15 years	20 years
Varieties	Cabernet Franc 65%, Cabernet Sauvignon 22%, Merlot 13%	Merlot 100%	Cabernet Franc 86% Merlot 7%, Malbec 7%	Cabernet Sauvignon 100%

SPECIFICS

100% SONOMA COUNTY

74% CABERNET FRANC

13% MERLOT

9% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

4% MALBEC

14.5% ALCOHOL, 0.55 TA, 3.70 PH

AGED 15 MONTHS IN 100% NEW FRENCH OAK

ACCLAIM

93 POINTS “...It exhibits an inky/purple color along with copious aromas of graphite, spring flowers, blackberries and blueberries as well as a crushed liqueur of chalk-like character, and a huge, multilayered and multi-dimensional finish that lasts nearly 50 seconds... If you have not yet experienced the wines of Vérité, they are true connoisseurs’ efforts...”

ROBERT PARKER, *Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate*, December 2013

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