



VÉRITÉ®

## Le Désir 2011

### 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

While Le Désir’s bright and youthful appearance and compelling nose present crunchy blackberry, fresh pomegranate seed, black plum, and blueberry; the real star is the floral and herbal signature of the Cabernet Franc, which comes alive on the nose and palate. Fresh rhubarb, dried rosemary, fresh cut flower stems, fresh violet blossoms and fresh green coffee beans all come together to form a signature which might be mistaken for an expressive vintage of Cabernet Franc from Saint-Émilion. Only on the palate does this wine truly reveal its Sonoma County parentage, showing a full complement of New World fruit. While compelling now, 2011 Le Désir will truly blossom with time.

### VINEYARD SOURCES

APPELLATION	Alexander Valley	Chalk Hill	Knights Valley
SOIL TYPES	Rocky Volcanic	Volcanic Ash	Gravelly Volcanic
ELEVATION	1,800 feet	800-900 feet	900 feet
AVERAGE AGE OF VINES	25 years	15 years	20 years
VARIETIES	Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot Cabernet Franc	Merlot Cabernet Franc Malbec	Cabernet Sauvignon

### SPECIFICS

100% SONOMA COUNTY

54% CABERNET FRANC

36% MERLOT

5% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

5% MALBEC

14% ALCOHOL, 0.53 TA, 3.64 PH

AGED 15 MONTHS IN 100% NEW FRENCH OAK

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