



## Le Désir 2012

### 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

The sublime color of the 2012 Le Désir shows the influence of Cabernet Franc with a brilliant, seductive ruby hue. The nose presents an expert balance of aromas of ripe red and black fruit, white spice, blond tobacco, and nutmeg. An expressive palate is revealed through flavors of nutmeg and spice. This is a wine with great finesse, a never-ending finish and extraordinary minerality.

### 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

64% CABERNET FRANC

24% MERLOT

8% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

4% MALBEC

14.5% ALCOHOL, 0.55 TA, 3.81 pH

AGED 15 MONTHS IN 100% NEW FRENCH OAK

### ACCLAIM

(96-100) Points - ROBERT PARKER, *Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate*, December 2013