



VÉRITÉ

Le Désir
2015

VINTAGE

The winter of 2014-2015 was another mild and dry one, which included only two weekend rainstorms. Budbreak came in mid-March and the vines began to bloom early—at the end of April. A cool April and May with some rainy spells meant that bloom did not finish until June. A warm and dry June led to a July veraison kickoff. Vigneron Pierre Seillan recalls that of his 49 vintages, 2015 was the first to begin picking in August—August 31 to be precise. Harvest lasted 12 days and finished on September 12. Although yields were low, the quality of the grapes in this vintage was outstanding.

TASTING NOTES

The hallmark of the 2015 Le Désir is its structured and precise palate. There is a balance between softness and hardness: iron-rich, rocky minerality, aromas of new leather and cigar. The clear, driving expression of bright red fruit comes to the fore. Wild strawberries, cherries, and crisp apple join with the signature herbal tone of Cabernet Franc. Fresh, subtle pea shoots and heirloom tomato vine—along with notes of red licorice and tobacco box—pave the way to a linear, silky finish, resounding with a floral bouquet of lilacs and violets. Remarkably expressive in its youth, Le Désir is a multi-layered and complex wine. Its depths will unfold for ages.

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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

64% CABERNET FRANC

27% MERLOT

5% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

4% MALBEC

14.4% ALCOHOL, 0.58 TA, 3.70 pH

AGED 17 MONTHS IN 100% FRENCH OAK WITH MAJORITY NEW OAK

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