



LE DÉsir  
SONOMA COUNTY  
VINTAGE 2000

*Vérité Le Désir is a Cabernet Franc-based blend that exudes high-toned aromatics, an iron graphite core and a pronounced minerality. Inspired by the iconic wines of Saint-Émilion, Bordeaux, Le Désir redefines Cabernet Franc from the New World, with layers of concentrated fruit, exotic spice and a plush sueded texture. Vigneron Pierre Seillan tends to a mosaic of more than fifty micro-crus to produce the complex signature of Le Désir.*

TASTING NOTES

This inaugural vintage of Le Désir marks a new beginning, and an expression of Vigneron Pierre Seillan's life-long love of Cabernet Franc. Though the appearance is similar to its brothers La Muse, and Le Désir, the aromas of this wine are magnified. Smells of dried bay leaf, fresh rhubarb, dried sage, fresh mushroom, and copious dried red & black fruits rise from the glass. The palate is both bright and firm, with excellent acidity tying all elements together for a savory finish.

**BARREL AGING:** Aged 16 months in French oak with majority new oak

**VARIETAL BREAKDOWN:** 51% Merlot, 33% Cabernet Franc, 16% Cabernet Sauvignon

**APPELLATIONS:** Alexander Valley, Bennett Valley, Knights Valley

**ALCOHOL:** 14.1%

ACCLAIM

90 Points - Robert Parker, Jr., *Robert Parker Wine Advocate*, May 2011

92 Points - Stephen Tanzer, *Vinous*, May 2003

VIGNERON NOTES

An average winter and dry spring made for an early budbreak in March. Late spring and summer weather patterns shifted between periods of cool weather with light rains, and scattered streaks of hot weather. The periods of cool weather led to a long bloom while the heat waves that followed helped kick-start even grape development. Overall, the weather was unusual and inconsistent throughout the growing season. Harvest took place between September 6 and October 6, 2000.

– Pierre Seillan, Vigneron