



LE DÉsir
SONOMA COUNTY
VINTAGE 2001

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

Inspired by the great wines of St. Emilion, this blend of Merlot, Cabernet Franc, and Cabernet Sauvignon walks a tightrope of power and elegance, but with richness that can only come from Sonoma. Sweet red and black fruits meld with complex notes of dried evergreen, cigar box, fresh mushrooms, and baking spices on the palate. Typical of the great 2001 vintage, the texture of this wine is defined by vibrant acidity and firm tannins, which bring focus and structure.

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

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN: 48% Merlot, 42% Cabernet Franc, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon

APPELLATIONS: Alexander Valley

ALCOHOL: 14.1%

ACCLAIM

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

93+ Points - Stephen Tanzer, *Vinous*, May 2004

VIGNERON NOTES

The lack of spring rain in March and April caused an early budbreak in March and was followed by a very cold and somewhat frosty April. But then the beautiful weather in May and June made for a perfect bloom with small berries. Throughout the summer months and into September we had mild and consistent weather, which provided a very rich, even ripening of the grapes with beautiful fruit and velvety soft tannins. Harvest took place between August 30 and September 14, 2001.

– Pierre Seillan, Vigneron