



LE DÉsir
SONOMA COUNTY
VINTAGE 2002

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

The 2002 Le Désir is velvety and savory. The wine is a dark ruby with a garnet rim. The tannins show a fine-textured silkiness, while the acidity provides excellent lift. In the glass there is black cherry coulis, cocoa nibs, mocha, dried herbs, dried violets and cured meat. The wine begins to unfold after thirty minutes in the decanter, changing and evolving across layers of flavor and complexity.
Tasting Date: November 2017

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

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN: 53% Merlot, 41% Cabernet Franc, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Malbec

APPELLATIONS: Alexander Valley, Chalk Hill, Bennett Valley, Knights Valley

ALCOHOL: 14.1 %

ACCLAIM

93 Points - Robert Parker, Jr., *Robert Parker Wine Advocate*, June 2012

93+ Points - Stephen Tanzer, *Vinous*, May 2005

VIGNERON NOTES

Harvest kicked off in Knights Valley with the Merlot and finished with Cabernet Franc from Alexander Mountain Estate. This season was a bit drier than average; the spring was mild, and the summer was warmer than in 2001 but with the influence of the Pacific Ocean which brings cool nights. The 2002s are drinking beautifully and will continue to evolve beautifully. Harvest took place between September 9 and September 23, 2002.

– Pierre Seillan, Vigneron