



LE DÉsir
SONOMA COUNTY
VINTAGE 2004

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 2004 Le Désir is rich and plush. Fine and silky tannins make for a luxurious mouthfeel, while stimulating acidity provides a refreshing framework. The wine boasts dried cherry, espresso bean, mocha, thyme, graphite, cigar box and dried violets. The fruit is followed by a host of savory flavors that continue to evolve and progress. *Tasting Date: November 2017*

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

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN: 49% Merlot, 47% Cabernet Franc, 4% Cabernet Sauvignon

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

ALCOHOL: 14.7%

ACCLAIM

98 Points - Robert Parker, Jr., *Robert Parker Wine Advocate*, April 2014

94+ Points - Stephen Tanzer, *Vinous*, June 2015

VIGNERON NOTES

A moderately rainy winter gave way to a warm, dry spring at the beginning of March and an early start to budbreak. The warm temperatures pushed an early bloom with good berry set. A warm, dry summer allowed even ripening and a few hot days at the beginning of August meant an early start to harvest. Harvest took place August 31 to September 17, 2004.

– Pierre Seillan, Vigneron