



LE DÉSIR
SONOMA COUNTY
VINTAGE 2005

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 suede 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 2005 Le Désir is a dark to opaque ruby color with a rich nose of cassis, spicy licorice and rose petal aromas. The wine is very concentrated on the palate, rich, elegant and complex. A full bodied wine with intense flavors of black and red cherries and licorice, followed by a long spicy finish. The elegant tannins will soften with decanting.

BARREL AGING: Aged 18 months in 100% new French oak

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN: 50% Cabernet Franc, 39% Merlot, 9% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Malbec

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

ALCOHOL: 14.4%

ACCLAIM

100 Points - Robert Parker, Jr., *Robert Parker Wine Advocate*, June 2015

20/20 Points - Pierre Vila Palleja, *La Revue de France*, April 2018

91 Points - Stephen Tanzer, *Vinous*, May 2016

91 Points - James Suckling, *JamesSuckling.com*, November 2018

VIGNERON NOTES

The 2005 vintage was a beautiful year across all three estates—California, Italy, France—something I have never seen before in my career. The cool weather started with rains in the spring and early summer, which helped to nourish the vines. Spring rains lasted into June, making for a long bloom yielding a near-perfect crop set. Summer and fall were comfortable and consistent, allowing even ripening. Harvest took place September 22 – October 6, 2005.

– Pierre Seillan, Vigneron