



LE DÉsir
SONOMA COUNTY
VINTAGE 2007

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

A wine that is concentrated black fruits in a glass, it is very spiced, dense, complex and long with discreet oak notes. The bouquet and the palate will continue to develop over the next 5-10 years.

BARREL AGING: Aged 16 months in 100% new French oak

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN: 44% Cabernet Franc, 44% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Malbec

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

ALCOHOL: 14.2%

ACCLAIM

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

97 Points - Steve Heimoff, *Wine Enthusiast*, July 2012

94+ Points - Stephen Tanzer, *Vinous*, May 2017

VIGNERON NOTES

A lovely season for all of California, 2007 began with a mild winter with below normal rainfall and was followed by a dry spring. These conditions led to an early budbreak. Very consistent temperatures and weather throughout the growing season resulted in a fruit set of perfect, even grape clusters. Furthermore, berries were smaller this year, which means a greater skin to juice ratio and thus a big concentration of flavors. Harvest took place September 4 – September 27, 2007.

– Pierre Seillan, Vigneron