



LE DÉsir  
SONOMA COUNTY  
VINTAGE 2008

*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

Vibrant, youthful reds and purples set the visual stage for this timeless varietal, here presented in its top form. Cabernet Franc is the centerpiece of the wine, highlighting black raspberries, black cherries and a complex, spiced bouquet of Herbes de Provence and dried thyme. Grown in the iron-rich soil of our Sonoma County vineyards, and tended in the legendary tradition of Pierre Seillan, this most structured and precise wine finds perfect balance in a high center of gravity and a long finish. *Tasting Date: February 2018*

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

**VARIETAL BREAKDOWN:** 61% Cabernet Franc, 31% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Malbec

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

**ALCOHOL:** 14%

ACCLAIM

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

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

96 Points - Stephen Tanzer, *Vinous*, May 2012

90 Points - James Laube, *Wine Spectator*, November 2012

VIGNERON NOTES

Great wines are often created in difficult years. The 2008 is no exception: at times it was hot, at times it was cool and at times it was humid. These three conflicting elements have resulted in great wines with balanced acidity, fruit, body and alcohol. Harvest took place September 4– September 25, 2008.

– Pierre Seillan, Vigneron