



LE DÉsir
SONOMA COUNTY
VINTAGE 2009

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

Intense, deep inky color. Expressing an aroma that is well integrated, silky and refined but powerful. On the palate, an immediate explosion of complexity, where the Cabernet Franc shows its personality, its signature, its finesse, with power that makes the finish infinitely long. Very ripe currants, blackberry, plum, anise, licorice, white spice and discreet oak. A magnificent bottle.

BARREL AGING: Aged 15 months in 100% new French oak

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN: 74% Cabernet Franc, 13% Merlot, 9% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Malbec

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

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

ACCLAIM

97 Points - Jeb Dunnuck, *JebDunnuck.com*, June 2019

93 Points - Robert Parker, Jr., *Robert Parker Wine Advocate*, December 2013

91 Points - Stephen Tanzer, *Vinous*, July 2019

VIGNERON NOTES

The 2009 growing season was long and dry – not quite as warm and constant as the 2007 but the right conditions were present: cool nights from the influence of the Pacific Ocean, long sunny days and low humidity. These three elements are necessary to make a grand cru with balanced acidity, fruit, body and alcohol. We started harvest on September 12 with Malbec and finished on October 2 with the last block of Cabernet Sauvignon — just before heavy rains came on October 13. Our new optical sorter ensured that only whole ripe berries went into the tanks for the cold soak and that stems, leaves and berries that were too big or too small were separated out.

– Pierre Seillan, Vigneron