



LE DÉsir  
SONOMA COUNTY  
VINTAGE 2012

*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 sublime color of the 2012 Le Désir shows the influence of Cabernet Franc with a brilliant, seductive ruby hue. The nose presents an expert balance of aromas of ripe red and black fruit, white spice, blond tobacco, and nutmeg. An expressive palate is revealed through flavors of nutmeg and spice. This is a wine with great finesse, a never-ending finish and extraordinary minerality.

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

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN: 64% Cabernet Franc, 24% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Malbec

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

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

ACCLAIM

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

19.5/20 Points - Pierre Vila Palleja, *La Revue de France*, April 2018

95 Points - Antonio Galloni, *Vinous*, February 2016

VIGNERON NOTES

The 2012 growing season, like the acclaimed 2001 vintage, began as another great year with dry, warm temperatures. The spring opened with beautiful, sunny, summer-like days with temperatures in the 90s and cool, foggy nights with temperatures in the 40s, leading to perfectly timed budbreak and bloom. While these unseasonably high temperatures were too warm for Merlot in many appellations, we are fortunate to have a wide variety of micro-crus across Sonoma County at our disposal, enabling us to use the best fruit from our Knights Valley, Alexander Mountain Estate, and Chalk Hill vineyards to create the complex and luxurious wines you expect from Vérité. Harvest took place between September 13 and October 5, 2012.

– Pierre Seillan, Vigneron