



LE DÉSIR
SONOMA COUNTY
VINTAGE 2013

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

Brilliant ruby red color. Nose of spices including nutmeg and white pepper. This wine is powerful and elegant at the same time, offering an amazing finesse. The minerality, spices, roundness, and ripe fruit notes allow this wine to be enjoyed and appreciated today, but it will be even more delectable in 10–20 years.

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

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN: 62% Cabernet Franc, 22% Merlot, 11% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Malbec

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

ALCOHOL: 14.4%

ACCLAIM

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

96 Points - William Kelley, *Decanter*, April 2017

96 Points - Anthony Gismondi, *Anthony Gismondi On Wine*, October 2017

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

VIGNERON NOTES

The 2013 growing season was truly a perfect one in Sonoma County. Very little rain during the winter, along with careful pruning and work in the vineyard, was key to controlling the energy of the vines. The growing season was ideal in terms of temperature: an absence of excessive heat allowed for very even ripening. In the spring, the moisture in the soil and the temperature permitted the vines to build a beautiful canopy from budbreak to bloom. Moderate, steady sunshine and temperatures throughout the whole season and cooler nights in August helped balance the acidity and tannins. The 2013 vintage must be one of the top five vintages of Vérité. Harvest took place between September 3 and September 17, 2013.

– Pierre Seillan, Vigneron