VÉRITÉ

LE DÉSIR
SONOMA COUNTY
VINTAGE 2014

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

A bouquet of blackberries rose petals and herbs de provence unite in the iron-rich minerality that is the varietal's birthright. Perfectly cultivated fruit — harvested by micro-cru and masterfully blended — here produces an intensely structured, long-lasting wine.

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

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN: 53% Cabernet Franc, 22% Merlot, 21% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Malbec

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

ALCOHOL: 14.1%

ACCLAIM

98 Points - Robert Parker, Jr., *Robert Parker Wine Advocate*, October 2016

99 Points - Jeb Dunnuck, *JebDunnuck.com*, December 2017

97 Points - Antonio Galloni, *Vinous*, March 2017

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

95 Points - William Kelley, *Decanter*, September 2017

VIGNERON NOTES

The 2014 growing season was an exceptional one in Sonoma, with a perfect early bloom matched by a beautiful veraison. It was steadfastly sunny yet not too hot, providing a perfect ripening for Merlot and Cabernet Franc, with a longer ripening of Cabernet Sauvignon yielding fruit expressions with elegant and spicy tannins. I consider Sonoma terroir one of the best in the world for Bordeaux blends; it is endowed by complex topography, diversity of soils and an exceptional climate. These elements are all elevated by the influence of the Pacific Ocean, which brings a loyal cooling wind to regulate the temperature every evening. Harvest took place between September 3 and September 20, 2014.

– Pierre Seillan, Vigneron