



LE DÉSIR
SONOMA COUNTY
VINTAGE 2015

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 hallmark of the 2015 Le Désir is its structured and precise palate. There is a balance between softness and hardness: iron-rich, rocky minerality, aromas of new leather and cigar. The clear, driving expression of bright red fruit comes to the fore. Wild strawberries, cherries, and crisp apple join with the signature herbal tone of Cabernet Franc. Fresh, subtle pea shoots and heirloom tomato vine—along with notes of red licorice and tobacco box—pave the way to a linear, silky finish, resounding with a floral bouquet of lilacs and violets. Remarkably expressive in its youth, Le Désir is a multi-layered and complex wine. Its depths will unfold for ages. *Tasting Date: August 2017*

BARREL AGING: Aged 17 months in 100% French oak, majority new oak

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN: 64% Cabernet Franc, 27% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Malbec

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

ALCOHOL: 14.4%

ACCLAIM

100 Points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, *Robert Parker Wine Advocate*, February 2018

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

VIGNERON NOTES

The winter of 2014 - 2015 was another mild and dry one, which included only two weekend rainstorms. Budbreak came in mid-March and the vines began to bloom early — at the end of April. A cool April and May with some rainy spells meant that bloom did not finish until June. A warm and dry June led to a July veraison kickoff. Harvest lasted 12 days, taking place between August 31 and September 12. Although yields were low, the quality of the grapes in this vintage was outstanding.

– Pierre Seillan, Vigneron