

VÉRITÉ
LE DÉSIR
SONOMA COUNTY
VINTAGE 2023

Vérité Le Désir is a Cabernet Franc-based blend that exudes high-toned aromatics, a profound core of structure, and lingering iron-graphite minerality. Inspired by the iconic wines of Saint-Émilion, Bordeaux, Le Désir demonstrates the exceptional quality of Cabernet Franc from the cooler micro-crus of Sonoma County.

TASTING NOTES

2023 Le Désir wears a deep, black-violet core that nearly eclipses its narrow violet-purple rim. The nose reveals black plum, ripe blackberry, and red currant, with roasted fennel bulb, fresh violet, and subtle evergreen. Additional elements of white pepper, baking cocoa, and toasted spices identify time spent in French oak cooperage. The palate opens with a generous, mouth-filling fruit presence which is immediately countered by driving acidity and firm tannins, defining this wine's character with tension, power, and precision. The finish is marked by ferrous minerality, freshly cut stems, and a final whisper of supple fruitiness. — *Tasting Date: January 2026*

BARREL AGING

Aged 16 months in French oak, 95% new

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN

85% Cabernet Franc, 10% Merlot, 5% Malbec

APPELLATIONS

Alexander Valley, Bennett Valley, Chalk Hill, Knights Valley

ALCOHOL

14.3%

VIGNERON NOTES

2023 will be remembered as one of longest and coolest growing seasons in recent Sonoma County history

The months following completion of the 2022 harvest saw cool weather with the return of abundant rainfall, breaking the ongoing drought, and reinvigorating the energy in our vineyard soils. This cold, wet weather persisted deep into the spring of 2023, delaying budbreak and flowering, though by mid-May the rains subsided, and gentle, warm weather set in. Although the season was several weeks later than average, the growing conditions throughout summer and fall were ideal, allowing slow phenolic maturation of the fruit, with gentle accumulation of sugars. Harvest lasted over a month, beginning with Block 601 Merlot on September 25, and concluding when our last micro-cru was brought in, on October 31.

The wines of Vérité from this long, cool vintage carry a tension delivered by balanced alcohol levels and vivacious acidity, however they possess exceptional concentration and power. They are charming in their youth, but are endowed with the freshness, balance, and structure to age for a very, very long time.



— Pierre Seillan, Vigneron



— Hélène Seillan, Assistant Vigneron