



LE DÉsir  
SONOMA COUNTY  
VINTAGE 2018

*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. Vigneron Pierre Seillan tends to a mosaic of more than fifty micro-crus to produce the complex signature of Le Désir.*

TASTING NOTES

The 2018 Le Désir has a dark inky appearance with a violet hue that extends to the rim. The compelling characteristics of Cabernet Franc are expressed on the nose and palate with flavors of crunchy cranberry, ripe raspberry, red currant, dried sage, crushed mint, and cinnamon bark; followed by spice cake, subtle vanilla liquor, and singed toast. The persistent finish and bright acidity suggest the wine will continue to evolve in the cellar for many years to come. — *Tasting Date: February 2021*

BARREL AGING

Aged 16 months in French oak, 95% new

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN

82% Cabernet Franc, 12% Merlot, 6% Malbec

APPELLATIONS

Alexander Valley, Bennett Valley, Chalk Hill, Knights Valley

ALCOHOL

14.3%

ACCLAIM

97+ Points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, *Robert Parker Wine Advocate*, July 2021

98+ Points - Jeb Dunnuck, *JebDunnuck.com*, July 2021

97 Points - James Suckling, *JamesSuckling.com*, March 2021

VIGNERON NOTES

2018 surely belongs in the ranks of top California vintages from the past two decades. The vintage was marked by ideal weather conditions from budbreak to harvest, which yielded balanced, layered, and structured wines, that will age for decades.

Replenishing winter rains and mild spring temperatures produced a late budbreak, followed by flawless flowering and fruit-set. The growing season that followed was long and relatively cool, encouraging slow and even ripening, allowing tannins to mature while retaining moderate sugar levels, and all-important acidity.

Harvest began early on the morning of September 12 under cool conditions, and concluded on October 5, with our oldest block of 40-year-old mountainside Cabernet Sauvignon.

– Pierre Seillan, Vigneron

– Hélène Seillan, Assistant Winemaker