



LE DÉSIR
SONOMA COUNTY
VINTAGE 2019

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

2019 Le Désir has a rich violet hue, ringed by a slender rim of incandescent purple-ruby color. Beautifully characteristic of Cabernet Franc, the aromatics of this wine are expressive and exotic, showing fresh rose petal perfume, fresh cherry blossom, California bay laurel, crushed pomegranate, blackberry coulis, and well-integrated French oak aromas of ground cinnamon, and brown buttered toast. On the palate, a robust structure defined by powdery tannins and lively acidity delivers a very fine balance, with an exceptionally long finish. — *Tasting Date: March 2022*

BARREL AGING

Aged 16 months in French oak, 95% new

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN

83% Cabernet Franc, 8% Merlot, 5% Malbec, 4% Cabernet Sauvignon

APPELLATIONS

Alexander Valley, Bennett Valley, Chalk Hill, Knights Valley

ALCOHOL

14.1%

ACCLAIM

100 Points - Erin Brooks, *Robert Parker Wine Advocate*, July 2022

100 Points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW, *The Wine Independent*, June 2022

100 Points - James Suckling, *JamesSuckling.com*, March 2022

VIGNERON NOTES

2019 represents a classically balanced season from our Sonoma County vineyards, and the resulting wines show a stunning combination of generous fruit with ample structure, that will yield decades of pleasure.

A vintage marked from the outset by plentiful winter rainfall, 2019 began with vineyard soils holding abundant moisture & well-prepared for the upcoming growing season. Budbreak occurred throughout early to mid-April, and the spring & summer months proceeded with above average warmth.

Minor heat spikes helped push ripeness throughout August and September, and harvest began with our Vérité Vale Vineyard Merlot on September 12. The final blocks were brought into the winery on October 2, and the resulting wines are concentrated and focused, with supple richness.

– Pierre Seillan, Vigneron

– Hélène Seillan, Assistant Winemaker