

purely domestic wine report

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2017 'Force de la Nature' 100 points *Oakville, Napa Valley Cabernet Franc*

This is clearly a wine grown, harvested and made without compromise that goes nowhere near the hedonistic. The nose is ultra-dense tactile black fruits, camphor, lavender, violet and espresso with rich loaminess and black tea. The palate entry is well-structured and densely packed carbon, herb, black coffee, deep black stone fruit with hints of lapsang tea, cocoa in the core merging into a seamless velvet-like finish. Drink 2022-2050.

2017 'Morlet Estate' 98 points *St. Helena, Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon*

The nose is rigid black fruit, carbon, lavender, blackberry, blueberry and camphor. The palate entry is solid, ripe and vibrant with a lavishly deep core of black fruit, spice box and purple herbs. Exceptional concentration and vitality. Drink 2022-2045.

2017 'Passionnement' 97 points *Oakville, Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon*

The nose has bottomless blackberry, spice and cocoa, nectarine and dense plum. The palate entry is solid black plum with a silky core of tobacco, blueberry with sumptuous mouth-coating acidity. Drink 2021-2038.

2017 'Mon Chevalier' 96 points *Knights Valley Cabernet Sauvignon*

The nose is extracted tobacco, sappy chaparral and espresso. The palate entry is vibrant red berry, herb and balanced acidity. Black fruit in the core with beautiful length and vitality. Drink 2022-2035.

2018 'La Proportion Dorée' 97 points *Sonoma County White Bordeaux-style Blend*

The nose is quince, yellow apple, prosciutto and lemon pulp with a bit of animale, crème brûlée and white currant. The palate entry is vibrant white fruit, peach and currant with a crisp linear core redolent of chalk and pineapple. Always brilliant and profound. Drink 2021-2036.

2018 'Coup de Cœur' 96 points *Sonoma Coast Chardonnay*

The nose is extracted toasty lemon and pear, butterscotch and mint. The palate is an energetic nectarine, golden currant, dried citrus pulp. The core is impeccably balanced and concentrated finishing with baked apple and lemon pie coupled with lively acidity. Drink 2021-2034.

2018 'Côteaux Nobles' 96 points *Fort Ross-Seaview Pinot Noir*

The nose is black currant liqueur, sandalwood, sappy fig, graphite, earth and perfume of blackberry thicket. The palate entry is lean and berry cranberry, raspberry and currant finishing with red apple and exotic spice. Drink 2021-2035.

2017 'Bouquet Garni' 96 points *Bennett Valley Syrah*

The nose is bacon fat, black peppercorn, lavender, black plum and camphor. The palate is polished camphor, pepper, plum with youthful acidity in the core. Drink 2021-2032.