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I loved the latest releases from Luc Morlet and family, and they show a sensational mix of classic, balanced, even old-school, characters mixed with killer California fruit. These are rockstar wines. – June 2018

MORLET *Family Vineyards* BURGUNDY & RHÔNE VARIETALS

2016 '**COUP DE CŒUR**' CHARDONNAY **100 POINTS**

Pure perfection in the glass is the 2016 Chardonnay Coup de Cœur, a selection of Luc's favorite barrels. It offers extraordinary notes of caramelized citrus, toasted brioche, marzipan, white flowers and a liqueur of rocks-like minerality. With full body, incredible purity, a layered, huge palate presence, yet a weightless, elegant texture, it needs to be tasted to be believed. Hats off to Morlet for an incredible Chardonnay. Give it a year and enjoy over the following decade or more.

2016 '**MA PRINCESSE**' CHARDONNAY **98 POINTS**

Sourced from the Old Wente clone in the Ritchie Vineyard in the Russian River Valley, the 2016 Chardonnay Ma Princesse is another sensational effort from Luc Morlet. Honeysuckle, marzipan, caramelized citrus, and hints of tangerine all flow to powerful, deep, concentrated Chardonnay that's classic Russian River Valley all the way. It's a big, rich wine that never puts a foot wrong.

2016 '**MA DOUCE**' CHARDONNAY **97 POINTS**

Leading off the Chardonnays, the 2016 Chardonnay Ma Douce (which translates to "My Sweet") is a rich, full-bodied, blockbuster effort that still stays incredibly pure, seamless, and elegant. Heavenly notes of crushed citrus, flower oil, brioche, toasted nuts, and ample crushed rock notes all emerge from the glass, and it has vibrant acidity and is perfectly balanced. It's a world-class Chardonnay.

2016 '**EN FAMILLE**' PINOT NOIR **97 POINTS**

The 2016 Pinot Noir En Famille comes from a warmer, more southerly slope and has more red fruits as well as a sauvage, wild, complex style. Kirsch, wild cherries, underbrush and load of spice, a rounded, seamless texture, no hard edges, and a great finish all make for one incredible Pinot Noir that can be drunk today or cellared for a decade.

2016 '**JOLI CŒUR**' PINOT NOIR **95 POINTS**

The 2016 Pinot Noir Joli Coeur comes from an east-facing parcel and shallow soils. It offers more Bing cherry and strawberry notes, with more floral and spice nuances developing with time in the glass. As with all of Luc's wines, it's beautifully balanced and pure, with ripe yet present tannin and a great finish.

2016 '**CÔTEAUX NOBLES**' PINOT NOIR **95 POINTS**

From a northwest facing vineyard in the Fort Ross-Seaview AVA located in the heart of the Sonoma Coast, the 2016 Pinot Noir Côteaux Nobles has a big core of sweet fruit and is one of the most powerful, layered, full-bodied wines I've tasted from this AVA. Don't let that scare you off though, as this beauty stays fresh and elegant as well and has classic red and blue fruits, forest floor, and bouquet garni-like aromas and flavors. It's beautifully done and has considerable elegance.

2016 '**BOUQUET GARNI**' SYRAH **96 POINTS**

In addition to the Bordeaux blends and Pinot Noirs and Chardonnays, this estate makes a rockstar of a Syrah. Coming from Bennett Valley and brought up in a mix of puncheons and stainless steel, it boasts a deep purple color as well as textbook notes of darker berry fruits, cold fireplace, charred meats, and violets. Full-bodied, concentrated, and powerful, with plenty of sweet tannins, it's going to benefit from a year or two of bottle age and cruise for a decade.