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## MORLET *Family Vineyards*

### 2018 'COUP DE CŒUR' CHARDONNAY

**100 POINTS**

'Coup de Cœur' is a barrel-selection blend of Morlet's Chardonnay vineyards, using exclusively Old Wente clone selection. The 2018 'Coup de Cœur' needs a little coaxing to reveal a spectacularly complex nose of orange blossoms, ripe pears, peach cobbler and lime leaves with nuances of oyster shells, struck flint and cashews. The medium to full-bodied palate delivers layer upon layer of citrus, stone fruit and mineral flavors with a racy line of freshness and silken texture, finishing with amazing persistence.

### 2018 'MA PRINCESSE' CHARDONNAY

**98+ POINTS**

'Ma Princesse' comes from the Ritchie vineyard in Russian River, planted to Old Wente clone selection, from vines that are 50+ years old. The 2018 'Ma Princesse' rolls flamboyantly from the glass with seductive scents of ripe apricots, fresh pineapple, mandarin peel and honeysuckle, leading to suggestions of candied ginger, beeswax and coriander seed. The medium to full-bodied palate is decadently laden with tropical and stone fruit flavors with a creamy texture and seamless freshness, finishing long and layered.

### 2018 'MA DOUCE' CHARDONNAY

**97 POINTS**

'Ma Douce' comes from a vineyard in Fort Ross-Seaview—not far from Marcassin vineyard. It is planted mainly to Old Wente clone selection. The 2018 'Ma Douce' is beautifully scented of lime blossoms, grapefruit, lemon curd and sea spray with nuances of beeswax, baking bread, toasted almonds and yuzu zest. The medium to full-bodied palate bursts with intense citrus and mineral sparks, delivering fantastic tension and a satiny texture, finishing very long and invigorating.

### 2018 'JOLI CŒUR' PINOT NOIR

**98 POINTS**

The 'Joli Cœur' comes from the "sweet spot" within the 'Côteaux Nobles' vineyard in Fort Ross-Seaview AVA, planted to an eastern exposure and shallower topsoil. Medium ruby-purple colored, the 2018 'Joli Cœur' has a seductive nose of rose oil, kirsch, chocolate-covered cherries and cranberry preserves with hints of cinnamon stick, clove oil, wild mushrooms and forest floor. The full-bodied palate delivers impactful, mouth-coating red berry flavors, supported by fine-grained tannins and bold freshness, finishing on a persistent mineral note.

### 2018 'EN FAMILLE' PINOT NOIR

**96 POINTS**

The 'En Famille' comes from a vineyard planted in 1990 to Goldridge soils in Fort Ross-Seaview. Medium ruby-purple colored, the 2018 'En Famille' sashays out of the glass with gorgeous scents of cranberry jelly, pomegranate and raspberry preserves, leading to suggestions of underbrush, dried lavender and orange peel. The full-bodied palate is densely laden with red fruit preserves and earthy layers, supported by very finely grained tannins and tons of freshness, finishing with a refreshing lift.

### 2018 'CÔTEAUX NOBLES' PINOT NOIR

**96 POINTS**

The 'Côteaux Nobles' comes from 27-year-old vines planted at the Nobles Ranch vineyard in Fort Ross-Seaview AVA. Medium ruby-purple colored, the 2018 'Côteaux Nobles' pops with lifted floral notes of roses and lavender over a core of Morello cherries, ripe raspberries and fresh mulberries, plus wafts of wild thyme and tilled loam. The medium to full-bodied palate bursts with red berries and herbal accents, supported by soft, silky tannins and racy freshness, finishing long and fragrant.

## 2018 'BOUQUET GARNI' SYRAH

**95+ POINTS**

The 'Bouquet Garni' is made from 100% Syrah, from a field selection of three Syrah clones planted to a vineyard in Sonoma's Bennett Valley. Medium to deep garnet-purple in color, the 2018 'Bouquet Garni' opens with tantalizing notes of crushed black cherries, black raspberries and ripe plums with hints of kirsch, lilacs, star anise and garrigue. The medium-bodied palate offers fantastic energy and tension, laden with black and red fruit layers and loads of pepper and spice sparks. Framed by ripe rounded tannins, it finishes long and perfumed.

## 2019 'COUP DE CŒUR' CHARDONNAY

**(98 - 100 POINTS)**

'Coup de Cœur' is a barrel-selection blend of Morlet's Chardonnay vineyards, using exclusively Old Wente clone selection. The 2019 'Coup de Cœur' comes skipping out of the glass with bright, cheery scents of fresh pineapple, passion fruit, pink grapefruit and lime blossoms with suggestions of fresh ginger, almond croissant and chalk dust. The medium to full-bodied palate has an electric intensity of citrus and tropical fruit layers with compelling tension and a beguiling, mineral-tinged finish.

## 2019 'MA PRINCESSE' CHARDONNAY

**(96 - 98+ POINTS)**

The 2019 'Ma Princesse' needs a little swirling to unlock gorgeous scents of lemon meringue pie, lime cordial and honeydew melon with wafts of toasted almonds, brioche and nutmeg. The medium to full-bodied palate has a decadent oiliness to the texture with just enough freshness to lift the ripe, rich melon and toast flavors with a long finish.

## 2019 'MA DOUCE' CHARDONNAY

**(95 - 97+ POINTS)**

The 2019 'Ma Douce' charges out of the gate with exuberant notes of ripe Bosc pears, green guava and applesauce with suggestions of powdered ginger, honeycomb and peach blossoms. The medium to full-bodied palate delivers mouth-coating apple and pear layers with loads of spicy accents and balanced freshness, finishing long and fragrant.

## 2019 'JOLI CŒUR' PINOT NOIR

**(97 - 99 POINTS)**

The 'Joli Cœur' comes from the "sweet spot" within the 'Côteaux Nobles' vineyard in Fort Ross-Seaview AVA, planted to an eastern exposure and shallower topsoil. The 2019 'Joli Cœur' sports a medium ruby-purple color and bombastic notes of Black Forest cake, pomegranate and Morello cherries plus suggestions of fragrant earth, red roses, stewed rhubarb and dark chocolate with a touch of Provence herbs. Full-bodied, the opulently fruited palate bursts with red berry preserves and earthy layers, supported by velvety tannins and a lively backbone, finishing very long and fragrant.

## 2019 'EN FAMILLE' PINOT NOIR

**(94 - 96+ POINTS)**

The 2019 'En Famille' displays a medium ruby-purple color and fragrant notes of freshly crushed black cherries, black raspberries and mulberries, plus hints of candied violets, chocolate box and spearmint. The full-bodied, richly fruited palate is packed with juicy black berry flavors, framed by plush tannins and seamless freshness, finishing on a lingering cool-mint note.

## 2019 'CÔTEAUX NOBLES' PINOT NOIR

**(94 - 96+ POINTS)**

The pale to medium ruby-purple colored 2019 'Côteaux Nobles' slips sensuously out of the glass with a provocative perfume of red currant jelly, raspberry preserves and rhubarb crumble with suggestions of violets and fallen leaves plus a waft of mossy tree bark. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is packed with juicy red berry layers, supported by plush tannins and seamless freshness, finishing on a lingering earthy note.

## 2019 'BOUQUET GARNI' SYRAH

**(94 - 96 POINTS)**

The 'Bouquet Garni' is made from 100% Syrah, from a field selection of three Syrah clones planted to a vineyard in Sonoma's Bennett Valley. The 2019 'Bouquet Garni' has a medium to deep garnet-purple color and seriously punchy, fantastically fruity scents of crushed black plums, boysenberries and wild blueberries plus suggestions of dark chocolate, blackberry preserves, Sichuan pepper and violets. The medium to full-bodied palate has a solid backbone of ripe, rounded tannins and seamless freshness, supporting the core of juicy black and blue fruits, finishing with a peppery kick.