



MORLET *Family Vineyards*

2017 '**PASSIONNÉMENT**' CABERNET SAUVIGNON **96 POINTS**

Composed of 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, 85% of the fruit in this barrel selection wine comes from Beckstoffer's To Kalon and Missouri Hopper vineyards, while 10% is from the 'Morlet Estate' vineyard in St. Helena, and 5% comes from the 'Mon Chevalier' vineyard in Knights Valley. Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2017 'Passionnément' gives up wonderfully fragrant notes of wilted roses, candied violets and black cherry compote with a core of crème de cassis, star anise, pencil shavings and unsmoked cigars plus a touch of bouquet garni. Medium to full-bodied, the palate offers impressive energy with a firm, grainy texture and plenty of freshness, finishing long with lots of earthy/mineral layers. Should age beautifully!

2017 '**FORCE DE LA NATURE**' CABERNET FRANC **95 POINTS**

The 2017 'Force de la Nature' is composed of 100% Cabernet Franc coming from Beckstoffer's To Kalon vineyard. Deep garnet-purple colored, it's a little broody at this youthful stage, giving notes of dried sage, smoked meats and garrigue with a core of baked plums, redcurrant jelly, truffles, lavender and tobacco leaf. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is firmly textured with chewy tannins, and bold freshness lifts the intense flavors to a long, earthy finish.

2017 '**MORLET ESTATE**' CABERNET SAUVIGNON **95+ POINTS**

Composed of 100% Cabernet Sauvignon from the "home" estate, very close to Colgin Tychson Hill vineyard, the 2017 'Morlet Estate' sports a very deep garnet-purple color. It strolls nonchalantly out of the glass with carefree, effortless scents of warm cassis, preserved plums, boysenberries and blackberry tart with touches of cigar box, chargrill, lavender and iron ore plus a waft of dried Provence herbs. Medium-bodied, very refined, refreshing and elegant, it has wonderfully ripe, plush tannins and seamless acidity, finishing long and mineral laced. Loads of aging potential here!

2017 '**CŒUR DE VALLÉE**' CABERNET SAUVIGNON **94+ POINTS**

This is a blend of 96% Cabernet Sauvignon and 4% Cabernet Franc. Approximately two-thirds of the fruit for this vintage came from Beckstoffer's To Kalon vineyard, with the other third coming from Morlet's new 'Cœur de Vallée' vineyard in Oakville—just across the road from To Kalon. Very deep purple-black colored, the 2017 'Cœur de Vallée' prances out of the glass with a pretty perfume of lavender, chocolate-covered cherries and garrigue over a core of blackcurrant cordial, plum preserves and unsmoked cigars with a waft of dried mint. Medium to full-bodied, the palate has an impressive fine-grained texture with background freshness supporting the intense black fruit layers, finishing long and earthy.

2018 '**LA PROPORTION DORÉE**' WHITE BORDEAUX-STYLE BLEND **(97 - 100) POINTS**

Luc Morlet has 100 Muscadelle vines, planted in 1953, which he co-ferments with the Sauvignon Blanc to produce this stunning wine. This barrel sample of 2018 'La Proportion Dorée' is composed of 67% Sémillon, 32% Sauvignon Blanc and 1% Muscadelle. It delivers the most beautiful perfume of freshly crushed, ripe nectarines, honeydew melon, green guava and fresh pears with hints of juniper, coriander seed, beeswax and lime blossoms with a waft of crushed stones. Medium to full-bodied, the palate has amazing freshness and a beautifully satiny texture supporting layer upon layer of citrus and stone fruit flavors, finishing with fantastic length and depth.

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Luc Morlet has 100 Muscadelle vines, planted in 1953, which he co-ferments with the Sauvignon Blanc to produce this stunning wine. The 2017 'La Proportion Dorée' is composed of 65% Sémillon, 34% Sauvignon Blanc and 1% Muscadelle. It needs a little coaxing to reveal notes of candied citrus peel, lemon curd, white peaches, honeycomb and fresh hay with wafts of lime leaves and chalk dust. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is completely coated with savory, saline and citrus layers. The texture is decadently satiny with a provocative suggestion of phenolic grip, and it finishes with great persistence and poise.

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