

**2011 Morlet Family Vineyards
Cabernet Sauvignon Coeur de
Vallee**

Even better is the 2011 Coeur de Vallee, a 225-case blend of 55% Cabernet Sauvignon and 45% Cabernet Franc, all from the Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard. This sexy 2011 is a candidate for the wine of the vintage. Its deep ruby/purple color is followed by notes of forest floor, violets, bouquet garni, black currant and blueberry fruit, stunning richness and no herbaceousness or astringency, and a long, lush finish. A terrific effort in this challenging vintage, it can be enjoyed over the next 10-12 years.

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**2012 Morlet Family Vineyards
Force de la Nature**

In five or six years, the best wine may well be the prodigious 2012 Cabernet Franc Force de la Nature, a 100% Cabernet Franc from the Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard. This brilliant effort boasts an ethereal personality along with an amazing combination of blue, red and black fruits, an assortment of floral notes, a seamless integration of acidity, alcohol, tannin and wood, and sensational concentration as well as texture. A spectacular red wine, it should drink well young yet age for two decades.

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Cabernet Sauvignon Coeur de
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A wine that may merit a three digit score is the 2012 Coeur de Vallee, a blend of 76% Cabernet Sauvignon and 24% Cabernet Franc. A seamless piece of haute couture as winemaking goes, creme de cassis, spring flower, blueberry liqueur, charcoal ember and graphite notes are all present in this complex, full-bodied, multidimensional, flawlessly constructed 2012. Drink this gorgeous effort over the next 25+ years.

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**2012 Morlet Family Vineyards
Cabernet Sauvignon
Passionnement**

The 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon Passionnement is lush and opulent with gorgeous fruit, super-ripeness, and plenty of black currant, blackberry, vanillin, toast and licorice characteristics. It is front end-loaded with enough gorgeous depth, stuffing and richness to ensure 20 years of longevity.

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**2012 Morlet Family Vineyards
Morlet Estate**

As one might expect, the 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon is even richer than the 2011. Luc Morlet did a serious crop-thinning because of the potential for an enormous crop size, and the result is a perfumed, deep ruby/purple-colored 2012 offering notes of lead pencil shavings, licorice, charcoal, wood smoke, earth, black currants and blackberries. This opulent, full-bodied beauty is loaded with goodies. Drink it over the next 20 years.

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**2012 Morlet Family Vineyards
Cabernet Sauvignon Mon
Chevalier**

Another killer effort from Luc Morlet is the 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon Mon Chevalier (91% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Cabernet Franc and 1% Petit Verdot from Knights Valley). This beautiful wine displays a deep ruby/purple color, lots of minerality and plenty of blackberry and blueberry fruit intermixed with hints of menthol and Christmas fruitcake. The minerality is much more noticeable in this wine, no doubt because it comes from a higher elevation (600-800 feet) vineyard.

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