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MORLET *Family Vineyards*

2019 '**FORCE DE LA NATURE**' CABERNET FRANC **100 POINTS**

The 2019 ‘Force de la Nature’ comes all from Clone 1 and is pure perfection in this reviewer’s opinion. Offering a Cheval Blanc-like nose of red and black currants, flowers, leather, sandalwood, and violets, it hits the palate with full-bodied richness, flawless balance, silky tannins, and just a great finish. It’s one of those wines where nothing is out of place, and it brings incredible intensity paired with a hard to describe level of finesse and elegance. Give bottles 3-4 years and enjoy over the following two decades or more.

2019 '**FORCE TRANQUILLE**' CABERNET FRANC **98 POINTS**

The 2019 ‘Force Tranquille’ is 85% Cabernet Franc and 15% Cabernet Sauvignon, all from the Cœur de Vallée Vineyard. This classic Oakville red has earthy red and black fruits, black olive, tobacco, and chocolate-driven aromatics. These carry to a deep, layered, structured, and just seamless Cabernet Franc that does everything right. It unquestionably offers pleasure today yet will evolve for over two decades.

2019 '**PASSIONNÉMENT**' CABERNET SAUVIGNON **99 POINTS**

The 2019 ‘Passionnément’ is another wine that flirts with perfection. A selection of the top barrels in the cellar, it has beautiful purity in its red and black fruits as well as notes of tobacco leaf, new leather, unsmoked tobacco, and sandalwood. Full-bodied, rich, concentrated, and powerful, it’s a stunning wine on every level that will benefit from just short-term bottle age and keep for 20-30 years.

2019 '**MORLET ESTATE**' CABERNET SAUVIGNON **97+ POINTS**

The 2019 ‘Morlet Estate’ is a darker, black-fruited beast of a wine that has lots of structure and richness, yet stays balanced, pure, and incredibly drinkable. Giving up notes of black currants, chocolate, iron, tobacco, and crushed stone-like minerality, this full-bodied, powerful, yet balanced St. Helena Cabernet needs 4-5 years of bottle age and will evolve for decades.

2019 '**CŒUR DE VALLÉE**' CABERNET SAUVIGNON **98 POINTS**

Mostly Clone 4 Cabernet Sauvignon with 6% Cabernet Franc, all from a site next to To Kalon, the 2019 ‘Cœur de Vallée’ offers lots of darker currant and black cherry fruits as well as notes of cedary spice, new leather, and dried herbs. These carry to a full-bodied, concentrated, incredibly complex Oakville Cabernet with sweet tannins, a great mid-palate, and one heck of a finish. Drink it over the coming 20-25 years.

2019 '**MON CHEVALIER**' CABERNET SAUVIGNON **97 POINTS**

The 2019 ‘Mon Chevalier’ is as pure and classy as they come, with lots of cassis and black raspberry styled fruit as well as new leather, dried herbs, and some obvious minerality. Coming from Knights Valley in Sonoma, it’s full-bodied, stunningly textured, has building tannins, and loads of opulence and baby fat. Give it a few years.

2019 '**BOUQUET GARNI**' SYRAH **97 POINTS**

The 2019 ‘Bouquet Garni’ comes all from the Judge Vineyard in the Bennett Valley and is a mix of four different clones and three separate parcels. It has straight-up awesome notes of smoked black fruits, cured meats, chocolate, and violets, and it has an Hermitage-like feel in its tannins and structure. It’s a gorgeous, layered, powerful Syrah to drink over the coming 15 years.

2020 **'COUP DE CŒUR'** CHARDONNAY

(95-98) POINTS

The 2020 'Coup de Cœur' is also brilliant, although all the whites here are beautiful. Lemon oil, honeysuckle, and a mix of stone and citrus fruits give way to a stunning rich, opulent, layered Chardonnay that brings classic California power as well as good acidity and flawless balance.

2020 **'MA PRINCESSE'** CHARDONNAY

(95-97) POINTS

I loved the nose on the 2020 'Ma Princesse,' which has a captivating array of white peach, pineapple, minty herbs, and flowers. Coming from older vines in the Ritchie Vineyard in the Russian River, it's full-bodied, concentrated, and vibrant, with beautiful purity and length.

2020 **'MA DOUCE'** CHARDONNAY

(94-96) POINTS

Lots of white peach, quince, white flower, and green almond notes emerge from the 2020 'Ma Douce,' a full-bodied barrel sample with beautiful depth as well as freshness.

2020 **'LA PROPORTION DORÉE'** WHITE BORDEAUX-STYLE BLEND **(94-96) POINTS**

The 2020 'La Proportion Dorée' is 69% Sémillon, 30% Sauvignon Blanc, and 1% Muscadelle. It's a deeper, richer white with notes of honeyed toast, white fig, lemon meringue, and chalky minerality. This full-bodied, powerful effort will shine on the dinner table and should have an interesting evolution over the coming 15+ years.

2019 **'LES PETITS MORLET'** CABERNET SAUVIGNON

93 POINTS

What functions as an entry level wine from this great estate, the 2019 'Les Petits Morlet' is bright and juicy, with wild cherry, tobacco, and leafy herbs notes in a sweetly fruited, round, creamy, and undeniably delicious package. Drink it over the coming decade.

2020 **'LES PETITS MORLET'** SAUVIGNON BLANC

(92-94) POINTS

The 2020 'Les Petits Morlet' is a terrific introduction to the estate's Sauvignon Blanc and has a pure, exotic white grapefruit and honeyed mint-like style as well as medium-bodied richness, bright acidity, and a great finish. It's clearly an outstanding effort.

2014 **'BILLET DOUX'** LATE HARVEST WHITE WINE

97 POINTS

A smoking good dessert wine, the 2014 'Billet Doux' offers stunning notes of ripe quince, honeyed peach, toasted bread, and exotic flowers. It brings loads of richness and depth, yet always has a sense of purity and elegance, as well as lightness on the palate. It's another gorgeous sweet wine from Morlet that will stand up to some of the great Sauternes out there.