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MORLET *Family Vineyards*

2016 '**PASSIONNÉMENT**' CABERNET SAUVIGNON **100 POINTS**

Very deep garnet-purple colored, the 2016 'Passionnément' leaps from the glass with notes of licorice, chocolate mint, warm cassis, plum preserves, charcoal and smoked meats with touches of lilacs and cedar chest plus a waft of pencil lead. Medium to full-bodied, the palate has a quiet intensity at first that grows exponentially in the mouth into an aria of epic proportions, revealing layer upon layer of savory/sweet flavors, bags of black fruits and tons of spicy sparks all within a firm, very finely grained frame, finishing very long and with compelling minerality. This is a staggeringly stunning and very singular Cabernet achievement by Luc Morlet – bravo!



2016 '**FORCE DE LA NATURE**' CABERNET FRANC **100 POINTS**



The very deep purple-black colored 2016 'Force de la Nature' is a little closed to begin, emitting slowly releasing scents of rose hips, oolong tea, dried roses, red loam and pencil shavings over notions of kirsch, redcurrant jelly, crushed black berries and black raspberries plus a waft of chocolate box. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is wonderfully elegant, giving beautifully fine-grained tannins and just enough freshness to lift the perfumed fruit to a very long finish. Morlet's spectacular 'Force de la Nature' continues to set the bar sky-high for Napa Valley Cabernet Franc.