



MORLET *Family Vineyards*

2018 '**MORLET ESTATE**' CABERNET SAUVIGNON **99 POINTS**

Composed of 100% Cabernet Sauvignon from the “home” estate, very close to Colgin's Tychson Hill vineyard, the 2018 'Morlet Estate' has a deep garnet-purple color, striding confidently out of the glass with classic notes of cassis, baked plums, ripe blackberries and pencil lead, plush nuances of tobacco leaf, black olives, violets and bay leaves with an exotic touch of cardamom. The full-bodied palate explodes in the mouth with crunchy black and blue fruits, supported by firm, grainy tannins and bags of freshness, finishing long with loads of mineral sparks.

2018 '**FORCE DE LA NATURE**' CABERNET FRANC **98+ POINTS**

This is the first year that the fruit for this label comes entirely from estate grown fruit—the Morlet Family 'Cœur de Vallée' vineyard in Oakville, situated more or less across the road from To Kalon, from where the fruit was previously sourced. Made from 100% Cabernet Franc, the 2018 'Force de la Nature' has a deep garnet-purple color, slipping seductively out of the glass with notes of cherry cordial, red currant jelly, mulberries and Black Forest cake plus suggestions of rose oil, pencil lead, cedar chest and unsmoked cigars with a waft of dried Provence herbs. The full-bodied palate is built like a brick house, with the taut, muscular red and black fruits framed by firm, ripe, grainy tannins and bold freshness. The fragrant oral and savory nuances linger long into the multifaceted finish. Give this beauty a good 4-5 years in bottle to really spread its wings and drink it over the next 30+ years.

2018 '**PASSIONNÉMENT**' CABERNET SAUVIGNON **97+ POINTS**

The 2018 'Passionément' is a barrel selection blend of all three of Morlet's estate vineyards: 'Cœur de Vallée' in Oakville, 'Morlet Estate' in St. Helena and 'Mon Chevalier' in Knights Valley. Made from 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, it reveals a deep garnet-purple color and vibrant notes of crushed black and red currants, Morello cherries and boysenberries with suggestions of menthol, Indian spices, black truffles and pencil shavings. The big, concentrated, full-bodied palate delivers mouth-coating black fruit layers with a velvety texture and plenty of freshness, finishing long with a spicy kick.

2018 '**CŒUR DE VALLÉE**' CABERNET SAUVIGNON **97 POINTS**

This is a blend of 96% Cabernet Sauvignon and 4% Cabernet Franc. This is the first vintage where 100% of the fruit for this vintage came from Morlet's new 'Cœur de Vallée' vineyard in Oakville—just across the road from To Kalon. Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2018 'Cœur de Vallée' opens with wonderfully pure notions of crushed blackberries, wild blueberries and black cherries with hints of black currant cordial, Chinese five spice, candied violets and licorice, plus a touch of garrigue. Full-bodied, the voluptuously fruited palate offers layers of black and blue fruits with a velvety texture and seamless freshness, finishing long and savory.

2018 '**LA PROPORTION DORÉE**' WHITE BORDEAUX-STYLE BLEND **98 POINTS**

Luc Morlet has 100 Muscadelle vines, planted in 1953, which he co-ferments with the Sauvignon Blanc to produce this stunning wine. This is all barrel fermented with native yeast. The 2018 'La Proportion Dorée' is composed of 65% Semillon, 34% Sauvignon Blanc and 1% Muscadelle. Wow—the nose is a knock-out, featuring intense passion fruit, ripe apple and green mango scents, followed by nuances of clover honey, lemongrass, paraffin wax and musk melon. The medium-bodied palate has a racy line cutting through the energetic tropical fruit layers with loads of zesty and savory sparks coming through on the long finish.

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