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WINE ADVOCATE

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## MORLET *Family Vineyards*

### 2015 'COUP DE CŒUR' CHARDONNAY

**100 POINTS**

A selection of the finest barrels of Old Wente clone wines from the 'Ma Douce' and 'Ma Princesse' vineyards, the 2015 Chardonnay 'Coup de Cœur' struts gorgeous ripe pear and warm peach character on the nose with exotic touches of mandarin peel, fresh ginger, star anise, coriander seed and cloves, with touches of toasted cashews and honey-drizzled croissant. Medium to full-bodied, rich, intense and totally decadent even at this youthful stage, it delivers both power and finesse in equal portions, with a silken texture and just enough freshness, finishing with epic length. Mind-blowing. - LPB



### 2015 'MA PRINCESSE' CHARDONNAY

**97 POINTS**

The 2015 Chardonnay 'Ma Princesse' is opulent and sexy, revealing alluring honeyed white peach, apple pie and guava notes with touches of allspice, brioche, praline and crushed stones. Full-bodied, with a gorgeous creaminess to the texture, it fills the mouth with tropical and savory flavors with seamless freshness, finishing with lingering savory nuances. - LPB

### 2015 'MA DOUCE' CHARDONNAY

**96 POINTS**

The 2015 Chardonnay 'Ma Douce' bursts forth from the glass with bold, beautiful aromas of mandarin peel, fresh grapefruit and apricots with hints of honeyed toast and candied ginger. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is simply electric with intense stone fruit and citrus layers and a silken texture lifted by a lively acid line, finishing long with mineral and spice suggestions. - LPB

### 2015 'JOLI CŒUR' PINOT NOIR

**99 POINTS**

A barrel selection of the best of the 'Côteaux Nobles' vineyard, the 2015 Pinot Noir 'Joli Cœur' has a deep ruby-purple color and very impressive nose of red currants, black raspberries and violets over nuances of pencil lead, iron ore, underbrush and dusty earth, plus a touch of fungi. Medium to full-bodied, the palate has the volume turned up on the earthy, perfumed fruit flavor intensity, with very fine, ripe, pixelated tannins and tons of freshness, finishing very long. - LPB

### 2015 'EN FAMILLE' PINOT NOIR

**94 POINTS**

Medium to deep ruby-purple colored, the 2015 'En Famille' has a dark-fruited, broody, earth/mineral scented nose with notes of mossy bark, crushed rocks and black soil over a core of mulberries, black cherries and plums, plus a hint of new leather. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is firmly structured with chunky, grainy tannins and a lively line of acid supporting the generous black fruits, finishing on an earthy note. - LPB

### 2015 'CÔTEAUX NOBLES' PINOT NOIR

**96 POINTS**

Medium to deep ruby-purple colored, the 2015 Pinot Noir 'Côteaux Nobles' is scented of black cherries and black raspberries with exuberant licorice, dried herbs, underbrush and cracked pepper plus a waft of violets. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is super intense, charged with black fruits and earthy flavor layers and supported by ripe, very fine-grained tannins, finishing long. - LPB

**2015 'BOUQUET GARNI' SYRAH****95+ POINTS**

Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2015 Syrah 'Bouquet Garni' has pronounced tar, cassis and violets with hints of cloves, black pepper and chargrill. Medium to full-bodied, the palate has a firm backbone of chewy tannins and tons of spiciness, finishing with great persistence. - LPB

**2015 'LA PROPORTION DORÉE' WHITE BORDEAUX-STYLE BLEND****98+ POINTS**

Blended of 66% Sémillon, 32% Sauvignon Blanc and 2% Muscadelle, the 2015 'La Proportion Dorée' has a gorgeous honeyed lemon, white peach and grapefruit-scented nose with hints of wax candles, honeysuckle, elderflower and baking bread. Full-bodied, rich, creamy and oh-so-seductive, the palate delivers a wonderful intensity of honeyed citrus flavors with a long, exotic spice and mineral-laced finish. With still loads to reveal, this classically styled white should age beautifully!

**2015 'FORCE DE LA NATURE' CABERNET FRANC****100 POINTS**

Produced from 100% Cabernet Franc from the Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard, the 2015 Cabernet Franc 'Force de la Nature' reveals a deep garnet-purple color and nose of crushed mulberries, black plums and black cherries with touches of pencil shavings, tapenade, underbrush, moss and dusty earth. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is taut and packed with vibrant red and black fruit flavors, framed by firm, grainy tannins and a lively backbone, finishing with wonderful length and depth. - LPB

**2015 'MON CHEVALIER' CABERNET SAUVIGNON****97 POINTS**

Composed of 86% Cabernet Sauvignon with smaller proportions of Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Malbec and Petit Verdot, the 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon 'Mon Chevalier' has a very deep garnet-purple color and vibrant nose of red currant, red plums and lavender with fresh black berries and black cherries, plus wafts of dried herbs and fragrant earth. Medium to full-bodied, the palate reveals the full spectrum of Cabernet flavors, with lovely fine-grained tannins and great freshness providing a firm frame for the tightly wound flavors, finishing long and earthy/minerally. Just gorgeous. - LPB

**2015 'CŒUR DE VALLÉE' CABERNET SAUVIGNON****96+ POINTS**

Blended of 75% Cabernet Sauvignon and 25% Cabernet Franc, the 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon 'Cœur de Vallée' has a deep garnet-purple color and slightly reticent nose at this youthful stage, revealing hints of crushed blackberries and blueberries with touches of loam, underbrush, garrigue, mocha and licorice. Medium to full-bodied, firm, concentrated and with great tension, it has lovely ripe, grainy tannins and plenty of earthy/meaty personality, which comes through on the palate and the long finish. - LPB

**2015 'PASSIONNÉMENT' CABERNET SAUVIGNON****95 POINTS**

Displaying a deep garnet-purple color, the 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon 'Passionnément' has crushed black currants and black plums with touches of dark chocolate, espresso, spice box and sautéed herbs. Full-on expressive and packed with cassis and spicy flavor layers, with finely grained tannins and great freshness, it finishes very long on an earthy note. - LPB

**2015 'MORLET ESTATE' CABERNET SAUVIGNON****95+ POINTS**

Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2015 'Morlet Estate' Cabernet Sauvignon has expressive red currant and black currant notes over hints of cedar chest, bay leaves, tobacco leaf, anise and fertile loam. Medium to full-bodied, it fills the mouth with bright, intense red and black fruit layers, supported by fantastically ripe grainy tannins and a lively backbone, finishing long and toasty. - LPB

**2012 'BILLET DOUX' LATE HARVEST WHITE WINE****97 POINTS**

Produced from 65% Sémillon, 31% Sauvignon Blanc and 4% Muscat, the 2012 'Billet Doux' has a medium golden color and profoundly scented nose of beeswax, honeyed nuts, orange marmalade, Manuka honey and preserved lemons. Full-bodied, full-on sweet, rich, concentrated and oh-so-unctuous, it delivers powerful flavor layers and epic length. - LPB