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## MORLET *Family Vineyards*

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### **2019 ‘Force Tranquille’ 98 points** *Oakville, Napa Valley Cabernet Franc*

A new wine in this range, the 2019 ‘Force Tranquille’ is a Cabernet Franc-based blend that incorporates a touch of Cabernet Sauvignon, both from ‘Cœur de Vallée.’ It’s a stunning debut. Dark shades of fruit intermingled with spice, dried herbs, leather and coffee lend soaring complexity. Franc can be magical in Oakville, as it is here. Superb.

### **2019 ‘Force de la Nature’ 97 points** *Oakville, Napa Valley Cabernet Franc*

The 2019 ‘Force de la Nature’ is 100% Franc from ‘Cœur de Vallée.’ The aromatic intensity of Franc in this gravelly soil is so alluring. Crushed raspberry, mint, spicecake, dried flowers and mocha are all laced together in the captivating bouquet. Beams of tannin add to a feeling of drive as this resonant, textured Franc continues to open in the glass. This is a stunning wine by any measure. But considering the vines were planted only in 2015, even more so!

### **2019 ‘Passionnément’ 98 points** *Oakville, Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon*

A selection of the best barrels in the cellar, the 2019 ‘Passionnément’ possesses tremendous resonance and tons of sheer volume. Crushed raspberry, black cherry, blood orange, spice and lavender flow as this extroverted, flamboyant wine shows off its racy curves and super inviting personality. The ‘Passionnément’ marries power, opulence and gravitas.”

### **2019 ‘Morlet Estate’ 97 points** *St. Helena, Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon*

The 2019 ‘Morlet Estate’ is sourced from the vineyard just above the winery in St. Helena. Rich and pliant, the 2019 possesses tremendous depth and textural resonance. Bright floral accents lift a core of ripe red cherry fruit. It’s a super distinctive wine from the St. Helena’s Northern Corridor. There’s real depth and substance here.

### **2019 ‘Mon Chevalier’ 97 points** *Knights Valley Cabernet Sauvignon*

The 2019 ‘Mon Chevalier’ offers up all the classic Knights Valley notes of shaved pencil, graphite, spice, cured meats, rose petal and licorice. A long, persistent finish rounds things out beautifully. This regal, sophisticated Cabernet is a total knock-out.

### **2019 ‘Cœur de Vallée’ 95 points** *Oakville, Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon*

The 2019 ‘Cœur de Vallée’ is soft, racy and gracious. It presents gorgeous savory aromatics to play off its mid-weight structure and understated personality. Black cherry, mocha, leather, spice and menthol grace this understated Cabernet. This soft, open-knit Cabernet is already quite accessible and delicious.