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**MORLET** *Family Vineyards*

“There are a lot of highlights in this range from Luc and Jodie Morlet. These are gorgeous, sumptuous wines built on serious textural richness, but with a bit more nuance than in the past, a pretty appealing combination in my book. This is a stellar set of new and upcoming releases by any measure.”

**2015 ‘Morlet Estate’ 98 points** *St. Helena, Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon*

The 2015 ‘Morlet Estate’ is an absolutely gorgeous wine that captures all the personality and pedigree of St. Helena’s Northern Corridor. Bright red cherry, red plum, mint and rose petal notes give the 2015 its signature brightness and aromatic lift. Rich and resonant on the palate, but distinctly medium in body, the Morlet Estate is pure class. A rush of red-toned fruit builds into the beautifully persistent finish. This is one of the most distinctive Cabernets in Napa Valley. The purity of the flavors is striking.

**2015 ‘Passionément’ 97 points** *Oakville, Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon*

The 2015 ‘Passionément’ is dense, creamy and voluptuous, with the silky contours and all the raciness that is typical of Oakville. Succulent red cherry, chocolate, mocha, plum, incense and white chocolate infuse this vivid, densely packed Cabernet. Sadly, yields are down 33%.

**2015 ‘Mon Chevalier’ 96 points** *Knights Valley Cabernet Sauvignon*

The 2015 ‘Mon Chevalier’ is a very typical Knights Valley wine. Game, gravel, smoke, licorice, tobacco and incense give the wine its distinctive Graves-like aromatic profile. Ample on the palate, with broad shoulders and terrific fruit intensity, the 2015 has a lot to offer.

**2015 ‘Force de la Nature’ 95+ points** *Oakville, Napa Valley Cabernet Franc*

Another highlight in this lineup, the 2015 ‘Force de la Nature’ is super-impressive. Today it is the wine’s rich, sumptuous fruit that is front and center. Time in bottle is essential in order for the Franc aromatics to start to emerge. Hints of orange peel and espresso appear in the glass.

**2015 ‘Joli Cœur’ 97 points** *Fort Ross-Seaview Pinot Noir*

The 2015 ‘Joli Cœur’ is the most complete of the three Pinots in this range, as it brings together all of the Morlet signatures. Explosive, perfumed and deeply layered, the 2015 is simply magnificent. Red cherry jam, mint, rose petal and lavender all infuse this super-expressive, sumptuous Pinot. Even with all of its intensity, the 2015 remains remarkably nuanced and classy to the core.

**2015 ‘Côteaux Nobles’ 96 points** *Fort Ross-Seaview Pinot Noir*

Morlet’s 2015 ‘Côteaux Nobles’ is fabulous. Exotic, deeply perfumed and racy, the ‘Côteaux Nobles’ captures all the pedigree of the year in its intensity and allure. Super-ripe red cherry, rose petal, hard candy, lavender and spice notes abound in this flamboyant, spectacularly rich Pinot Noir. The interplay of textural richness and aromatic freshness is compelling.

**2015 ‘En Famille’ 96 points** *Fort Ross-Seaview Pinot Noir*

The 2015 ‘En Famille’ is dense, powerful and explosive. A darker set of aromas and flavors emerges, with plenty of black cherry, earthiness, chocolate, game, licorice and tobacco. Vinification in puncheon, along with this site’s south-east exposure, results in a dark, brooding Pinot endowed with notable power and gravitas.

**2015 ‘Bouquet Garni’ 94 points** *Bennett Valley Syrah*

The 2015 ‘Bouquet Garni’ is deep, powerful and quite structured, all of which bode very well for the future. An infusion of black cherry, plum, lavender, spice, new oak and leather give the 2015 considerable complexity.