



MORLET
Family Vineyards

2009
'COUP DE CŒUR'
SONOMA COAST CHARDONNAY

Each vintage, the tasting of individual lots of Chardonnay reveals a strictly limited number of barrels with truly outstanding features. These selected barrels are then judiciously blended to compose this magnificent cuvée. Handcrafted using classical Burgundian winemaking techniques, this wine represents our 'Heart's Astonishment' or 'Coup de Cœur.'



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| <i>Proprietary name</i> | 'Coup de Cœur' |
| <i>Name meaning</i> | Heart's Astonishment |
| <i>Varietal composition</i> | Chardonnay |
| <i>Type of wine</i> | Cuvée of best barrels |
| <i>Appellation</i> | Sonoma Coast |
| <i>Vineyard singularity</i> | Fort Ross-Seaview & Russian River Valley Goldridge and volcanic soils |
| <i>Typical harvest date</i> | October |
| <i>Picking</i> | Night pick; manual; small lugs; refrigerated truck |
| <i>Sorting</i> | Cluster-by-cluster |
| <i>Fermentation</i> | In barrel through native yeast |
| <i>Upbringing</i> | 14 months in French oak barrels from selected artisan coopers Malolactic Sur lies with <i>bâtonnage</i> |
| <i>Bottling</i> | Unfined, unfiltered |
| <i>Ideal cellaring</i> | 3 to 5 years after harvest date |
| <i>Arc of aging</i> | 15 to 20 years |
| <i>Serving</i> | 55-59°F (13-15°C); Decant when served young |

TASTING NOTES

"Bright yellow-gold. Complex aromas of orange, honey, minerals, coconut, and vanilla. Wonderfully generous and glyceric: this really melts in your mouth. For all its concentration and plumpness, the 2009 'Coup de Cœur' is magically vibrant and firm. Finishes with palate-staining persistence."

95 points
Stephen Tanzer
International Wine Cellar, May 2011

