



MORLET

Family Vineyards

2011

'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.'



<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

"The prodigious 2011 'Coup de Cœur' is a rich, full-bodied white. Luc Morlet is one of the up-and-coming superstar producers in Northern California. The debut vintage for Morlet Family Vineyards was 2006, and they have hardly missed a beat since then in turning out sumptuous Chardonnays."

96 points

Robert M. Parker, Jr.

Robert Parker Wine Advocate, Dec. 2013

