



MORLET

Family Vineyards

2011

‘LA PROPORTION DORÉE’

SONOMA COUNTY SÉMILLON-SAUVIGNON BLANC

A harmonious blend of the three classic white Bordeaux varietals, this unique cuvée was inspired from the finest producers of Pessac-Léognan. The Sémillon, Sauvignon Blanc and Muscadelle come from dry-farmed vineyards in the Golden State’s Sonoma County. Classical winemaking techniques such as *élevage sur lies* (aging on the lees) and *bâtonnage* (stirring) contribute to this true *vin de garde*. As in architectural arts, it is ‘The Golden Ratio’ or ‘La Proportion Dorée.’



<i>Proprietary name</i>	‘La Proportion Dorée’
<i>Name meaning</i>	The Golden Ratio
<i>Varietal composition</i>	Sémillon (65%) Sauvignon Blanc (35%)
<i>Type of wine</i>	Cuvée blend of five vineyards
<i>Appellation</i>	Sonoma County
<i>Vineyard singularity</i>	50 to 100-year-old-vines Loamy to gravelly soils One cluster per shoot ‘ <i>de rigueur</i> ’ Sauvignon Blanc Musqué
<i>Harvest date</i>	September 2011
<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 <i>Sur lies</i> with <i>bâtonnage</i>
<i>Bottling</i>	Unfined, coarse filtration to prevent Malolactic
<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)

TASTING NOTES

“Luc Morlet’s reference point would appear to be the white wine made at Laville Haut-Brion and Haut-Brion. Distinctive and unique, the remarkable 2011 ‘La Proportion Dorée’ offers hints of citrus oil, candle wax, tangerine skin, and oranges. A wine of great intensity, texture, and body, it is a dry, complex white. It should keep for a decade, although I doubt if purchasers will be able to keep their hands off of it for that long. This is one of the up-and-coming superstar producers in Northern California.”

95 points

Robert M. Parker, Jr.

Robert Parker Wine Advocate, Dec. 2013

