



MORLET

Family Vineyards

2012

‘FORCE DE LA NATURE’

OAKVILLE, NAPA VALLEY CABERNET FRANC

This wine captures the strong, rich, and dense character of the Cabernet Franc grapes from our vineyard in the world-renowned Oakville appellation. Bottled only during outstanding vintages, this massive wine pays homage to Luc’s great-grandfather, Gaston Morlet, who had a reputation for being a force of nature in his native Avenay-Val-d’Or. His pioneering spirit remains one of the forces behind our family’s passion for making the best wines possible. Crafted from 100% Cabernet Franc grapes, this wine truly is a ‘Force of Nature’ or ‘Force de la Nature.’



<i>Proprietary name</i>	‘Force de la Nature’
<i>Name meaning</i>	Force of Nature (<i>named in honor of Gaston Morlet</i>)
<i>Varietal composition</i>	Cabernet Franc (100%)
<i>Type of wine</i>	Vineyard designated
<i>Appellation</i>	Oakville, Napa Valley
<i>Vineyard singularity</i>	Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard (2007 - 2016 vintages) Morlet Family ‘Cœur de Vallée’ Vineyard (2017 vintage on) Bale soils; loamy topsoil on loamy & clay loamy subsoils
<i>Farming</i>	Organic & sustainable farming
<i>Harvest date</i>	October 2012
<i>Picking</i>	Night pick; manual; small lugs; refrigerated truck
<i>Sorting</i>	Cluster-by-cluster & berry-per-berry by hand; Le Trieur™
<i>Fermentation</i>	Through native yeast; punch downs in stainless steel tanks & Darnajou French oak puncheons; Gyrobox™
<i>Upbringing</i>	16 months in French oak barrels from selected artisan coopers
<i>Bottling</i>	Unfined, unfiltered
<i>Ideal cellaring</i>	5 to 10 years after harvest date
<i>Arc of aging</i>	30+ years
<i>Serving</i>	61-64°F (16-18°C); Decant 1 hour prior to serving

TASTING NOTES

“The nearly perfect ‘Force de la Nature’ boasts a floral, full-bodied, layered mouthfeel, fabulous intensity and notes of wet rocks, spring flowers, forest floor, blueberries, and black raspberries. It is a tour de force as well as a force de la nature from the Oakville Corridor.”

98 points

Robert M. Parker, Jr.

Robert Parker Wine Advocate, Oct. 2014

