



2015

'CŒUR DE VALLÉE'

OAKVILLE, NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

The 'Cœur de Vallée' vineyard is situated in the world-renowned Oakville appellation, in the *heart* of the Napa Valley. The To Kalon Creek meanders through the spectacular property, which is planted to Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. The beautiful view of Mount Saint John is a reminder of the alluvial fan that provided the well-draining soil, comprised of 40 to 60% of gravel. It is the confluence of the amazing pedigree of surrounding properties and the alluvial material originating from the Mayacamas Range that makes this vineyard so special. Handcrafted using classical winemaking techniques, this wine is named after its vineyard namesake. It is 'Heart of the Valley' or 'Cœur de Vallée.'



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| Proprietary name | 'Cœur de Vallée' |
| Name meaning | Heart of the Valley |
| Varietal composition | Cabernet Sauvignon (95%) Cabernet Franc (5%) |
| Type of wine | Vineyard designated |
| Appellation | Oakville, Napa Valley |
| Vineyard singularity | Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard (2007-2016 vintages) Morlet Family 'Cœur de Vallée' Estate Vineyard (2017 vintage on) Bale soils; loamy topsoil on loamy & clay-loamy subsoils; consisting of 40%-60% gravel |
| Farming | Organic & sustainable farming |
| Harvest date | October 2015 |
| Picking | Night pick; manual; small lugs; refrigerated truck |
| Sorting | Cluster-by-cluster & berry-per-berry by hand; Le Trieur™ |
| Fermentation | Through native yeast; punch downs in stainless steel tanks & Darnajou French oak puncheons; Gyrobox™ |
| Upbringing | 16 months in French oak barrels from selected artisan coopers |
| Bottling | Unfined, unfiltered |
| Ideal cellaring | 5 to 10 years after harvest date |
| Arc of aging | 30+ years |
| Serving | 61-64°F (16-18°C); Decant 1 hour prior to serving |

TASTING NOTES

"The 2015 'Cœur de Vallée' offers a dense yet also plush, blockbuster style in its huge black, blue, and purple fruits, violets, chocolate, and mineral-like aromas and flavors. This cuvée is one of the more opulent, sexy wines in the lineup and is classic Napa Valley all the way."

97 Points

Jeb Dunnuck

JebDunnuck.com, June 2018

"The 2015 'Cœur de Vallée' has a deep garnet purple color, revealing hints of crushed blackberries and blueberries with touches of loam, underbrush, garrigue, mocha and licorice. Medium to full-bodied, firm, concentrated and with great tension, it has lovely ripe, grainy tannins and plenty of earthy/meaty personality, which comes through on the palate and the long finish."

96+ points

Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW

Robert Parker Wine Advocate, Oct. 2017

