



# MORLET

*Family Vineyards*

2015

## ‘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 2015
<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 2015 ‘Force de la Nature’ is one of the finest expressions of Cabernet Franc out there. Reminding me of a young 1998 Cheval Blanc with its massive core of dark fruits, chocolate, and spring flower notes, this beauty hits the palate with full body, ultra-fine tannin, a huge midpalate, and a seamless, weightless texture that keeps you coming back to the glass. It’s an incredible wine from this great, great estate.”

100 points

Jeb Dunnuck

JebDunnuck.com, June 2018

“The 2015 ‘Force de la Nature’ reveals a nose of crushed mulberries, black plums, and black cherries with touches of pencil shavings, tapenade, underbrush, moss, and dusty earth. The palate is packed with vibrant red and black fruit flavors, framed by firm, grainy tannins, and a lively backbone, finishing with wonderful length and depth.”

100 points

Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW

Robert Parker Wine Advocate, Sept. 2017

