



MORLET

*Family Vineyards*

2016

‘MA PRINCESSE’

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY CHARDONNAY

Located on the river bench of Sonoma County’s Russian River, this vineyard benefits from Goldridge soil containing metamorphic rock. The cuttings come from the Old Wente field selection, renowned for excellent quality and minerality. Its concentration originates from the typically petite size of the berries. Handcrafted using classical Burgundian techniques, this wine is dedicated to our daughter, Claire Morlet. It is ‘My Princess’ or ‘Ma Princesse.’



<i>Proprietary name</i>	‘Ma Princesse’
<i>Name meaning</i>	My Princess Petit size of the Old Wente berries Named after our daughter Claire Morlet
<i>Varietal composition</i>	Chardonnay
<i>Type of wine</i>	Vineyard designated
<i>Appellation</i>	Russian River Valley
<i>Vineyard singularity</i>	Located on the hillside by the riverbank 35-100 feet elevation Southern exposure Goldridge and volcanic soils
<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 bâtonnage
<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 2016 ‘Ma Princesse’ hits the ground running with bold notions of pineapple, white peaches, and green guava plus suggestions of almond croissant and popcorn plus a waft of honeysuckle. Full-bodied, rich, and decadent in the mouth, it has a wonderfully creamy texture and bags of tropical fruit and savory layers, finishing long and layered.”*

97 points

Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW

Robert Parker Wine Advocate, Oct. 2018

*“The 2016 ‘Ma Princesse’ is another sensational effort from Luc Morlet. Honeysuckle, marzipan, caramelized citrus, and hints of tangerine all flow to powerful, deep, concentrated Chardonnay that’s classic Russian River Valley all the way. It’s a big, rich wine that never puts a foot wrong.”*

98 points

Jeb Dunnuck

JebDunnuck.com, June 2018

