



MORLET

Family Vineyards

2016

'PASSIONNÉMENT'

OAKVILLE, NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Crafted with the passionate, uncompromised, and ongoing pursuit of quality, this judicious blend comes from the finest barrels of our manicured vineyards on the Oakville Bench and on the foothills of Knights Valley and St. Helena. As the French say, "Je t'aime, un peu, beaucoup, passionnément!" (I love you, a little, a lot, passionately!) This special wine is dedicated to Jodie Morlet. It is 'Passionately' or 'Passionnément.'



Proprietary name	'Passionnément'
Name meaning	Passionately Named in honor of Jodie Morlet
Varietal composition	Cabernet Sauvignon (100%)
Type of wine	Cuvée selection
Appellation	Oakville, Napa Valley
Vineyard singularity	Select barrels showcasing the synergy among an Oakville Bench vineyard (2007-2016 vintages) Morlet Family 'Cœur de Vallée' Estate Vineyard (2017 vintage on) and the Morlet Family 'Morlet Estate' & 'Mon Chevalier' Estate Vineyards
Farming	Organic & sustainable farming by full-time, year-round Morlet Farming team
Harvest date	September-October 2016
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 2016 'Passionnément' leaps from the glass. The palate has a quiet intensity at first that grows exponentially in the mouth into an aria of epic proportions, revealing layer upon layer of savory/sweet flavors, bags of black fruits and tons of spicy sparks all within a firm, very finely grained frame, finishing very long and with compelling minerality. This is a staggeringly stunning and very singular Cabernet achievement by Luc Morlet - bravo!"

100 points

Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW

Robert Parker Wine Advocate, Oct. 2018

"Pure perfection, the 2016 'Passionnément' is incredible in every way, with a huge nose of blackcurrants, chocolate, crushed rocks, tobacco, and incense. It hits the palate with full-bodied richness, a building, elegant texture, ultra-fine tannins, and a finish that won't quit. This is Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon at its finest."

100 points

Jeb Dunnuck

JebDunnuck.com, June 2019

