



2017

'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 (96%) Cabernet Franc (4%) |
| Type of wine | Estate grown; terroir-driven; vineyard designated |
| Appellation | Oakville, Napa Valley |
| Vineyard singularity | Morlet Family 'Cœur de Vallée' Estate Vineyard Alluvial soils alongside the To Kalon Creek; Bale soils; loamy topsoil on loamy & clay-loamy subsoils; consisting of 40%-60% gravel |
| Farming | Organic & sustainable farming by full-time, year-round Morlet Farming team |
| Harvest date | Early October 2017 |
| 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

"Lots of smoky black fruits, graphite, and mineral notes emerge from the 2017 'Coeur de Vallée.' It shows the more plush style of To Kalon and is one of the more approachable Cabernets in the lineup, offering full-bodied richness, beautiful midpalate depth, and a plush, sexy mouthfeel. It still has enough underlying tannins to warrant a few years of bottle age, but it's going to drink beautifully for a solid two decades."

96 points

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