



MORLET

*Family Vineyards*

2017

‘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.’



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| <i>Proprietary name</i>     | ‘Ma Princesse’  |
| <i>Name meaning</i>         | My Princess<br>Petit size of the Old Wente berries<br>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<br>35-100 feet elevation<br>Southern exposure<br>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<br>artisan coopers<br>Malolactic<br><i>Sur lies</i> with <i>bâtonnage</i> |
| <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 2017 ‘Ma Princesse’ is opens with delicate notes of lemon meringue pie, white peaches and lime leaves plus emerging nuances of wet slate, paraffin wax, struck flint and croissant with a waft of praline. The palate is tightly wound and packed with taut citrus and mineral layers, framed by fantastic freshness and a satiny texture, finishing wonderfully tangy.”*

97 points

Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW

Robert Parker Wine Advocate, Dec. 2019

*“Sourced from the Ritchie Vineyard in the Russian River Valley (unquestionably a Grand Cru site), the 2017 ‘Ma Princesse’ is a richer, more powerful Chardonnay and has awesome notes of honeysuckle, brioche, orange blossom, hazelnuts, and citrus. This beauty shows some obvious minerality on the palate, with bright, racy acidity, tons of fruit, and a great finish. It’s up there with the crème de la crème of the vintage.”*

97 points

Jeb Dunnuck

JebDunnuck.com, June 2019

