



MORLET
Family Vineyards

2017

‘MORLET ESTATE’

ST. HELENA, NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Our unique estate lies on the western foothills, just north of the town of St. Helena. Shallow loamy topsoil and rocky subsoil of the Hambright and Felta series, as well as full sun exposure, create superb conditions for our Cabernet Sauvignon vines. Respecting its historic 1880 charm, we restored the pre-Prohibition stone winery, which is illustrated on the label. Handcrafted using classical winemaking techniques and reminiscent of a true First Growth, this wine represents the precious memory of a very special place.



<i>Proprietary name</i>	‘Morlet Estate’
<i>Varietal composition</i>	Cabernet Sauvignon (100%)
<i>Type of wine</i>	Estate grown; terroir-driven; vineyard designated
<i>Appellation</i>	St. Helena, Napa Valley
<i>Vineyard singularity</i>	Morlet Family Estate in St. Helena Bale soil series on foothills; Hambright & Felta soil series on hillside and ridge; Shallow loamy topsoil on rocky alluvial subsoil
<i>Farming</i>	Organic & sustainable farming by full-time, year-round Morlet Farming team
<i>Harvest date</i>	September 2017
<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 2017 ‘Morlet Estate’ strolls nonchalantly out of the glass with carefree, effortless scents of warm cassis, preserved plums, boysenberries, and blackberry tart with touches of cigar box, chargrill, lavender and iron ore plus a waft of dried Provence herbs. Medium-bodied, very refined, refreshing, and elegant, it has wonderfully ripe, plush tannins and seamless acidity, finishing long and mineral laced.” 95+ points

Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW

Robert Parker Wine Advocate, Dec. 2019

“The 2017 ‘Morlet Estate’ offers stunning purity in its cassis and blackberry fruits as well as notes of rocky minerality, spice box, white flowers, graphite, and lead pencil. There’s a Bordeaux vibe in its aromas and tannin profile, and this full-bodied Cabernet has nicely integrated acidity, flawless balance, and structure.”

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Jeb Dunnuck

JebDunnuck.com, Aug. 2020

