



MORLET

Family Vineyards

2017

'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 the Morlet Family 'Cœur de Vallée' 'Morlet Estate' & 'Mon Chevalier' Estate Vineyards
Farming	Organic & sustainable farming by full-time, year-round Morlet Farming team
Harvest date	September 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

"The 2017 'Passionnément' is a gorgeous and heavenly wine that will stand up to anything in the vintage. Loads of blackcurrants, cassis, damp earth, chocolate, and green tobacco dominate the bouquet of this powerful, opulent wine, which offers more decadence and sweet fruit than almost every other 2017 out there. With beautiful depth of fruit, ripe, silky tannins, and a blockbuster of a finish."

98 points

Jeb Dunnuck

JebDunnuck.com, Aug. 2020

"The 2017 'Passionnément' gives up wonderfully fragrant notes of wilted roses, candied violets, and black cherry compote with a core of crème de cassis, star anise, pencil shavings and unsmoked cigars plus a touch of bouquet garni. The palate offers impressive energy with a firm, grainy texture, and plenty of freshness, finishing long with lots of earthy/mineral layers."

96 points

Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW

Robert Parker Wine Advocate, Dec. 2019

