



MORLET

Family Vineyards

2018

‘LA PROPORTION DORÉE’

SONOMA COUNTY SÉMILLON-SAUVIGNON BLANC

A harmonious blend of the three classic white Bordeaux varietals, this unique cuvée was inspired from the finest producers of Pessac-Léognan. The Sémillon, Sauvignon Blanc and Muscadelle come from dry-farmed vineyards in the Golden State’s Sonoma County. Classical winemaking techniques such as *élevage sur lies* (aging on the lees) and *bâtonnage* (stirring) contribute to this true *vin de garde*. As in architectural arts, it is ‘The Golden Ratio’ or ‘La Proportion Dorée.’



<i>Proprietary name</i>	‘La Proportion Dorée’
<i>Name meaning</i>	The Golden Ratio
<i>Varietal composition</i>	Sémillon (67%) Sauvignon Blanc (32%) Muscadelle (1%)
<i>Type of wine</i>	Cuvée blend of five vineyards
<i>Appellation</i>	Sonoma County
<i>Vineyard singularity</i>	50 to 100-year-old-vines Loamy to gravelly soils One cluster per shoot ‘ <i>de rigueur</i> ’ Sauvignon Blanc Musqué
<i>Harvest date</i>	September-October 2018
<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 artisan coopers <i>Sur lies</i> with <i>bâtonnage</i>
<i>Bottling</i>	Unfined, coarse filtration to prevent Malolactic
<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)

TASTING NOTES

“The flagship Bordeaux white, the 2018 ‘La Proportion Dorée’ is a magical elixir. Awesome notes of caramelized lime, honeyed nectarines, orange blossom, spice, and exotic flowers all soar from the glass, and it tastes like a top vintage of La Mission Haut-Brion Blanc on steroids. Despite all its richness and size, it’s elegant, seamless, and offers intensity with no sensation of weight or heaviness. Hats off to winemaker Luc Morlet for fashioning one of the greatest white Bordeaux blends in California!”

100 points

Jeb Dunnuck

JebDunnuck.com, Aug. 2020

“The nose on the stunning 2018 ‘La Proportion Dorée’ is a knock-out, featuring intense passion fruit, ripe apple, and green mango scents, followed by nuances of clover honey, lemongrass, paraffin wax and musk melon. Wow! The medium-bodied palate has a racy line cutting through the energetic tropical fruit layers with loads of zesty and savory sparks coming through on the long finish.”

98 points

Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW
Robert Parker Wine Advocate, Jan. 2021

