



MORLET

Family Vineyards

2018

‘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 2018
<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 2018 ‘Morlet Estate’ strides confidently out of the glass with classic notes of cassis, baked plums, ripe blackberries, and pencil lead, plush nuances of tobacco leaf, black olives, violets, and bay leaves with an exotic touch of cardamom. The palate explodes in the mouth with crunchy black and blue fruits, supported by firm, grainy tannins, and bags of freshness, finishing long with loads of mineral sparks.” 99 points

Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW

Robert Parker Wine Advocate, Jan. 2021

“The 2018 ‘Morlet Estate’ might be the most Bordeaux-like wine in the lineup, yet it still brings that classic Napa Valley fruit and richness. Full-bodied, concentrated, and nicely structured on the palate, this beauty is balanced, has integrated acidity, ripe, building tannins, and a great finish. It’s an incredible and thrilling bottle of wine.”

98 points

Jeb Dunnuck

JebDunnuck.com, Jan. 2021

