



# MORLET

*Family Vineyards*

2018

## '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.'



<i>Proprietary name</i>	'Passionnément'
<i>Name meaning</i>	Passionately Named in honor of Jodie Morlet
<i>Varietal composition</i>	Cabernet Sauvignon (100%)
<i>Type of wine</i>	Cuvée selection
<i>Appellation</i>	Oakville, Napa Valley
<i>Vineyard singularity</i>	Select barrels showcasing the synergy among the Morlet Family 'Cœur de Vallée' 'Morlet Estate' & 'Mon Chevalier' Estate Vineyards
<i>Farming</i>	Organic & sustainable farming by full-time, year-round Morlet Farming team
<i>Harvest date</i>	September-October 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 ripest, most sexy, and opulent in the lineup, the 2018 'Passionnément' is pure magic in a glass and tops out on my scale. Reminding me of some of the older Harlan Estate releases with its massive yet seamless style, this beauty boasts a monster bouquet of chocolate covered blackcurrants, lavender, crushed violets, new leather, unsmoked tobacco, and flowery incense. Coming from a selection of the top barrels in the vintage, this full-bodied, masterful Cabernet is gorgeously textured and has a stacked, layered mid-palate, perfectly ripe tannins, and a great finish. I followed this bottle for multiple days, and it never grew tired or oxidized (which is rare). It's one of those wines that's going to drink brilliantly for all of its life."*

100 points  
Jeb Dunnuck  
JebDunnuck.com, Jan. 2021

