



MORLET

Family Vineyards

2019

‘FORCE DE LA NATURE’

OAKVILLE, NAPA VALLEY CABERNET FRANC

This wine captures the strong, rich, and dense character of the Cabernet Franc grapes from our vineyard in the world-renowned Oakville appellation. Bottled only during outstanding vintages, this massive wine pays homage to Luc’s great-grandfather, Gaston Morlet, who had a reputation for being a force of nature in his native Avenay-Val-d’Or. His pioneering spirit remains one of the forces behind our family’s passion for making the best wines possible. Crafted from 100% Cabernet Franc grapes, this wine truly is a ‘Force of Nature’ or ‘Force de la Nature.’



<i>Proprietary name</i>	‘Force de la Nature’
<i>Name meaning</i>	Force of Nature (<i>named in honor of Gaston Morlet</i>)
<i>Varietal composition</i>	Cabernet Franc (100%)
<i>Type of wine</i>	Vineyard designated
<i>Appellation</i>	Oakville, Napa Valley
<i>Vineyard singularity</i>	Morlet Family ‘Cœur de Vallée’ Vineyard Alluvial Bale soils alongside the To Kalon Creek; loamy topsoil on loamy & clay loamy subsoils; consisting of 40-60% gravel
<i>Farming</i>	Organic & sustainable farming by full-time, year-round Morlet Farming team
<i>Harvest date</i>	October 2019
<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 2019 ‘Force de la Nature’ is pure perfection in this reviewer’s opinion. Offering a Cheval Blanc-like nose of red and black currants, flowers, leather, sandalwood, and violets, it hits the palate with full-bodied richness, flawless balance, silky tannins, and just a great finish. It’s one of those wines where nothing is out of place, and it brings incredible intensity paired with a hard to describe level of finesse and elegance.”

100 points
Jeb Dunnuck

JebDunnuck.com, March 2022

“The 2019 ‘Force de la Nature’ unlocks notes of blackberry preserves, mulberries, and candied violets, giving way to blueberry pie, garrigue, pencil lead, coffee bean, and tree bark. The full-bodied palate is taut and powerful, with firm, grainy tannins and seamless freshness, finishing with epic length and loads of mineral sparks.”

99 points

Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW
The Wine Independent, Aug. 2022

