



MORLET

Family Vineyards

2019

‘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 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 ‘Passionnément’ is another wine that flirts with perfection. A selection of the top barrels, it has beautiful purity in its red and black fruits as well as notes of tobacco leaf, new leather, unsmoked tobacco, and sandalwood. Full-bodied, rich, concentrated, and powerful, it’s a stunning wine on every level.”

99 points

Jeb Dunnuck

JebDunnuck.com, March 2022

“Deep purple-black in color, the 2019 ‘Passionnément’ leaps with wonderfully spicy notes of star anise, cloves, Sichuan pepper, and cinnamon over a core of stewed black plums and warm cassis with a waft of tree bark and crushed rocks. The full-bodied palate is concentrated and opulent, with a gorgeous velvety texture and just enough freshness, finishing long and decadent.”

98 points

Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW

The Wine Independent, Aug. 2022

