



MORLET
Family Vineyards

2020
‘FORCE TRANQUILLE’
OAKVILLE, NAPA VALLEY CABERNET FRANC

The To Kalon Creek flows under the historic bridge on our property, which is located in the world-renowned Oakville appellation. The combination of gravelly and clay-loamy Bale soil and silt-loamy Cole soil reveals the complexity and subtlety of the Cabernet Franc. This graceful wine pays homage to Luc’s mother, Marie-Thérèse Morlet, who has always displayed amazing courage and a spirit of humility. Her work ethic remains one of the forces behind our family’s passion for crafting the best wines possible. It is ‘Quiet Strength’ or ‘Force Tranquille.’



<i>Proprietary name</i>	‘Force Tranquille’
<i>Name meaning</i>	Quiet Strength In honor of Marie-Thérèse Morlet
<i>Varietal composition</i>	Cabernet Franc (85%) Cabernet Sauvignon (15%)
<i>Type of wine</i>	Vineyard designated
<i>Appellation</i>	Oakville, Napa Valley
<i>Vineyard singularity</i>	Morlet Family ‘Cœur de Vallée’ Vineyard Cole soil series; loamy topsoil on silt-loamy subsoils; consisting of 40%-60% of gravel
<i>Farming</i>	Organic & sustainable farming by full-time, year-round Morlet Farming team
<i>Harvest date</i>	September 2020
<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 2020 ‘Force Tranquille’ is deep garnet-purple in color. It spills from the glass with notes of wild blueberries and redcurrant jelly followed by nuances of rose oil, pencil shavings, and tilled soil. The medium to full-bodied palate is tightly wound with great tension and firm, fine-grained tannins, finishing long and perfumed. This is very nicely done!”

97 points

Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW
The Wine Independent, Feb. 2024

“The 2020 ‘Force Tranquille’ has classic Franc floral, forest floor, and violet notes as well as medium to full-bodied richness and depth on the palate. It has ripe, polished tannins, good concentration, and a great mouthfeel. This is a balanced, beautifully made 2020.”

96 points

Jeb Dunnuck
JebDunnuck.com, Dec. 2023

