



MORLET

Family Vineyards

2020

'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.'



Proprietary name	'Passionnément'
Name meaning	Passionately Named in honor of Jodie Morlet
Varietal composition	Cabernet Sauvignon (100%)
Type of wine	Cuvée selection
Appellation	Oakville, Napa Valley
Vineyard singularity	Select barrels showcasing the synergy among the Morlet Family 'Cœur de Vallée' 'Morlet Estate' & 'Mon Chevalier' Estate Vineyards
Farming	Organic & sustainable farming by full-time, year-round Morlet Farming team
Harvest date	September 2020
Picking	Night pick; manual; small lugs; refrigerated truck
Sorting	Cluster-by-cluster & berry-per-berry by hand; Le Trieur™
Fermentation	Through native yeast; punch downs in stainless steel tanks & Darnajou French oak puncheons; Gyrobox™
Upbringing	16 months in French oak barrels from selected artisan coopers
Bottling	Unfined, unfiltered
Ideal cellaring	5 to 10 years after harvest date
Arc of aging	30+ years
Serving	61-64°F (16-18°C); Decant 1 hour prior to serving

TASTING NOTES

"Scents of ripe raspberries, dark chocolate and black cherries are joined by gentle floral notes on the nose, while the palate is supple and silky, finishing long and elegant, sculpted by soft, dusty tannins and mouthwatering freshness. From a vintage in which greatness was clearly achievable in rare instances, the 2020 'Passionnément' is great."

97 points

Joe Czerwinski

Robert Parker Wine Advocate, Aug. 2024

"The 2020 'Passionnément' brings more sweetness of fruit and depth than just about any other wine I've tasted in the vintage. Cassis, darker currants, graphite, spicy oak, and some floral notes all define this full-bodied, deep, layered, textured 2020. If there's a "wow" wine in 2020, this is it."

96 points

Jeb Dunnuck

JebDunnuck.com, Dec. 2023

"Notes of crème de cassis, black cherry preserves, and blackberry pie emerge from the glass, followed by a fragrant undercurrent of graphite, damp soil, and black olives. The palate is tightly knit with savory and mineral layers and a firm, grainy texture backed by just enough freshness. The 2020 'Passionnément' finishes long and earthy."

96 points

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

