



MORLET
Family Vineyards

2021

‘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>	October 2021
<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 2021 ‘Force Tranquille’ is deep garnet-purple in color. It features frisky notes of black and red cherries, blackberry preserves, and pencil lead followed by hints of violets and garrigue. The full-bodied palate is taut and solidly built, with loads of bright savory sparks lifting the dense fruit, finishing with epically long minerally sparks.”

98 points

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

“Absolutely brilliant, the 2021 ‘Force Tranquille’ has darker black fruits, olive, iron, and some meaty notes that turn more floral and perfumed with air. It’s full-bodied and has perfect tannins and a seamlessness that’s something to behold. It will probably merit a triple digit rating in 7-8 years.”

98 points

Jeb Dunnuck
JebDunnuck.com, Dec. 2023

