



2010
 ‘MON CHEVALIER’

KNIGHTS VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Located on the foothills of Knights Valley, our vineyard, comprised of rocky and loamy clay Red Hills soil, benefits from its proximity to Mount St. Helena, whose warm and windy climate is ideal for the long ripening of the red Bordeaux varietals: Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Malbec and Petit Verdot. Handcrafted using classical winemaking techniques, this special wine is dedicated to our son, Paul Morlet. It is ‘My Knight’ or ‘Mon Chevalier.’



<i>Proprietary name</i>	‘Mon Chevalier’
<i>Name meaning</i>	My Knight Named after our son Paul Morlet
<i>Varietal composition</i>	Cabernet Sauvignon (91%) Cabernet Franc (8%) Petit Verdot (1%)
<i>Type of wine</i>	Estate grown; terroir-driven; vineyard designated
<i>Appellation</i>	Knights Valley
<i>Vineyard singularity</i>	Morlet Family ‘Mon Chevalier’ Vineyard 500-600 feet elevation Rhyolitic, loam & volcanic ash
<i>Farming</i>	Organic & sustainable farming by full-time, year-round Morlet Farming team
<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 & 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 2010 ‘Mon Chevalier’ is off the charts, bursting from the glass with smoke, scorched earth, tobacco, incense, and dark plums. There is plenty of Knights Valley character in the glass, but at the same time the fruit is so pure and refined as to make the tannins polished. The ‘Mon Chevalier’ is another deep wine endowed with serious depth and power.”

97 points
 Antonio Galloni
 Robert Parker Wine Advocate, Dec. 2012

