



MORLET

Family Vineyards

2012

‘MORLET ESTATE’

ST. HELENA, NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Our unique estate lies on the western foothills, just north of the town of St. Helena. Shallow loamy topsoil and rocky subsoil of the Hambright and Felta series, as well as full sun exposure, create superb conditions for our Cabernet Sauvignon vines. Respecting its historic 1880 charm, we restored the pre-Prohibition stone winery, which is illustrated on the label. Handcrafted using classical winemaking techniques and reminiscent of a true First Growth, this wine represents the precious memory of a very special place.



<i>Proprietary name</i>	‘Morlet Estate’
<i>Varietal composition</i>	Cabernet Sauvignon (100%)
<i>Type of wine</i>	Estate grown; terroir-driven; vineyard designated
<i>Appellation</i>	St. Helena, Napa Valley
<i>Vineyard singularity</i>	Morlet Family Estate in St. Helena Bale soil series on foothills; Hambright & Felta soil series on hillside and ridge; Shallow loamy topsoil on rocky alluvial subsoil
<i>Farming</i>	Organic & sustainable farming by full-time, year-round Morlet Farming team
<i>Harvest date</i>	September 2012
<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

“Deep garnet colored with a touch of brick, the 2012 ‘Morlet Estate’ features notes of dark chocolate, black cherries, and dried mulberries with touches of charcuterie, sautéed herbs, iron ore, and a waft of dried mint. The full-bodied palate has a firm, grainy texture and just enough freshness supporting the savory-laced, muscular black fruits, finishing long and ferrous.”

96 points

Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW

The Wine Independent, Aug. 2022

“The 2012 ‘Morlet Estate’ displays the vintage’s open, opulent, plush personality. With exceptional intensity, plenty of crème de cassis, vanillin, floral and lead pencil notes, this full-bodied 2012 offers low acidity as well as impressive flavors. A gorgeous red.”

96 points

Robert M. Parker, Jr.

Robert Parker Wine Advocate, Oct. 2014

