



2010
‘CŒUR DE VALLÉE’
 OAKVILLE, NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

The ‘Cœur de Vallée’ vineyard is situated in the world-renowned Oakville appellation, in the *heart* of the Napa Valley. The To Kalon Creek meanders through the spectacular property, which is planted to Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. The beautiful view of Mount Saint John is a reminder of the alluvial fan that provided the well-draining soil, comprised of 40 to 60% of gravel. It is the confluence of the amazing pedigree of surrounding properties and the alluvial material originating from the Mayacamas Range that makes this vineyard so special. Handcrafted using classical winemaking techniques, this wine is named after its vineyard namesake. It is ‘Heart of the Valley’ or ‘Cœur de Vallée.’



Proprietary name	‘Cœur de Vallée’
Name meaning	Heart of the Valley
Varietal composition	Cabernet Sauvignon (76%) Cabernet Franc (24%)
Type of wine	Vineyard designated
Appellation	Oakville, Napa Valley
Vineyard singularity	Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard (2007-2016 vintages) Morlet Family ‘Cœur de Vallée’ Estate Vineyard (2017 vintage on) Bale soils; loamy topsoil on loamy & clay-loamy subsoils; consisting of 40%-60% gravel
Farming	Organic & sustainable farming
Harvest date	October 2010
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

“The 2010 ‘Cœur de Vallée’ is laced with freshly cut flowers, sweet red berries, and mint. Weightless and crystalline, the 2010 is pure silk and finesse. The ‘Cœur de Vallée’ is always the most elegant of Morlet’s Cabernets, and the 2010 plays true to type. Sweet floral notes add lift on the finish. The 2010 is gorgeous today and is yet another tremendous wine from Luc and Jodie Morlet.”

97+ points

Antonio Galloni
Vinous, Dec. 2012

“This is a wonderfully intriguing wine. The 2010 ‘Cœur de Vallée’ is energetic and youthful, and you’d be hard-pressed to guess it has 15 years of bottle age. It offers stunning spicy aromatics of sage, red currants, and a hint of juicy, mouthwatering Sichuan pepper, keeping everything lively, balanced, and vibrant. Rich tobacco notes frame a luxurious tapestry of velvety tannins. This wine is like a classic John le Carré mystery film—leaving you wondering, debating, and contemplating its future.”

97 points

Jonathan Cristaldi
Decanter, Jan. 2025

