



2017

## '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 (96%) Cabernet Franc (4%)
Type of wine	Estate grown; terroir-driven; vineyard designated
Appellation	Oakville, Napa Valley
Vineyard singularity	Morlet Family 'Cœur de Vallée' Estate Vineyard Alluvial soils alongside the To Kalon Creek; Bale soils; loamy topsoil on loamy & clay-loamy subsoils; consisting of 40%-60% gravel
Farming	Organic & sustainable farming by full-time, year-round Morlet Farming team
Harvest date	Early October 2017
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 2017 'Coeur de Vallée' is a complete and fantastic wine. The tannins are compact and full, with grace and elegance, and there is a creaminess to the fruit character, showcasing very pure and pretty currant and black fruit notes. Make no mistake - this is a beautiful and fragrant wine with excellent polish in its own right."*

97 points

Jonathan Cristaldi  
Decanter, Jan. 2025

*"Lots of smoky black fruits, graphite, and mineral notes emerge from the 2017 'Coeur de Vallée.' It shows the more plush style of To Kalon and is one of the more approachable Cabernets in the lineup, offering full-bodied richness, beautiful midpalate depth, and a plush, sexy mouthfeel. It still has enough underlying tannins to warrant a few years of bottle age, but it's going to drink beautifully for a solid two decades."*

96 points

Jeb Dunnuck  
JebDunnuck.com, Aug. 2020

