



MORLET

Family Vineyards

2009

'PASSIONNÉMENT'

OAKVILLE, NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Crafted with the passionate, uncompromised, and ongoing pursuit of quality, this judicious blend comes from the finest barrels of our manicured vineyards on the Oakville Bench and on the foothills of Knights Valley and St. Helena. As the French say, "Je t'aime, un peu, beaucoup, passionnément!" (I love you, a little, a lot, passionately!) This special wine is dedicated to Jodie Morlet. It is 'Passionately' or 'Passionnément.'



<i>Proprietary name</i>	'Passionnément'
<i>Name meaning</i>	Passionately Named in honor of Jodie Morlet
<i>Varietal composition</i>	Cabernet Sauvignon (100%)
<i>Type of wine</i>	Cuvée selection
<i>Appellation</i>	Oakville, Napa Valley
<i>Vineyard singularity</i>	Select barrels showcasing the synergy among an Oakville Bench vineyard (2007-2016 vintages) Morlet Family 'Cœur de Vallée' Estate Vineyard (2017 vintage on) and the Morlet Family 'Morlet Estate' & 'Mon Chevalier' Estate Vineyards
<i>Farming</i>	Organic & sustainable farming by full-time, year-round Morlet Farming team
<i>Harvest date</i>	September-October 2009
<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 2009 'Passionnément' is essentially, the no-holds-barred, Ode to Jodie, Luc's wife. Extraordinary wine at grand apogee, it could have been called anything I suppose, but the truth is always underneath the cork, a devotion, to love, to life, and to craft on however many levels you may want to imagine. The sumptuously gorgeous parfum of ancient, seductively scented heirloom stone fruits and plump, vibrant sour/sweet berry assemblage make me want to squirm in my seat. This wine is sooo locked in, it's un-nerving, and that's before I tasted it. The palate doesn't leave anything to chance; perfect pure blackberry, currant, java, and faint curry are of impeccable weight, dimension and spectrum. I'm left grasping for superlatives."

100 points

Doug Wilder

Purely Domestic Wine Report, Oct. 2011

