



Les Petits
MORLET

2017

NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Growing up the children of a fifth-generation French winemaker, Paul and Claire Morlet spent much of their childhood exploring vineyards while Luc shared his knowledge and passion for viticulture and winemaking with them. From a judicious blend of different barrels, this special cuvée embodies the youthful character and energy of younger vines and is the offspring of our mature Cabernet Sauvignon bottlings. Named in honor of Paul and Claire, who are now remarkable young adults, 'Les Petits Morlet' represents their passion, talents, optimism, and future.



<i>Proprietary name</i>	'Les Petits Morlet'
<i>Name meaning</i>	Named after our children Paul & Claire Morlet
<i>Varietal composition</i>	Cabernet Sauvignon
<i>Type of wine</i>	Cuvée selection
<i>Appellation</i>	Napa Valley
<i>Vineyard singularity</i>	Young vines from Morlet Family estate vineyards
<i>Farming</i>	Full-time, year-round Morlet Farming team
<i>Typical harvest date</i>	October
<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>	2 to 5 years after harvest date
<i>Arc of aging</i>	15 to 20 years
<i>Serving</i>	61-64°F (16-18°C)

TASTING NOTES

"The 2017 'Les Petits Morlet' is a fabulous second wine. Inky dark red/purplish fruit, lavender, licorice, and spice literally jump out of the glass. Rich and pliant, with striking textural nuance, 'Les Petits Morlet' is a huge overachiever in this range. The interplay of richness and energy makes for a compelling wine that can be enjoyed upon release."

93 points

Antonio Galloni
Vinous, Jan. 2020

