

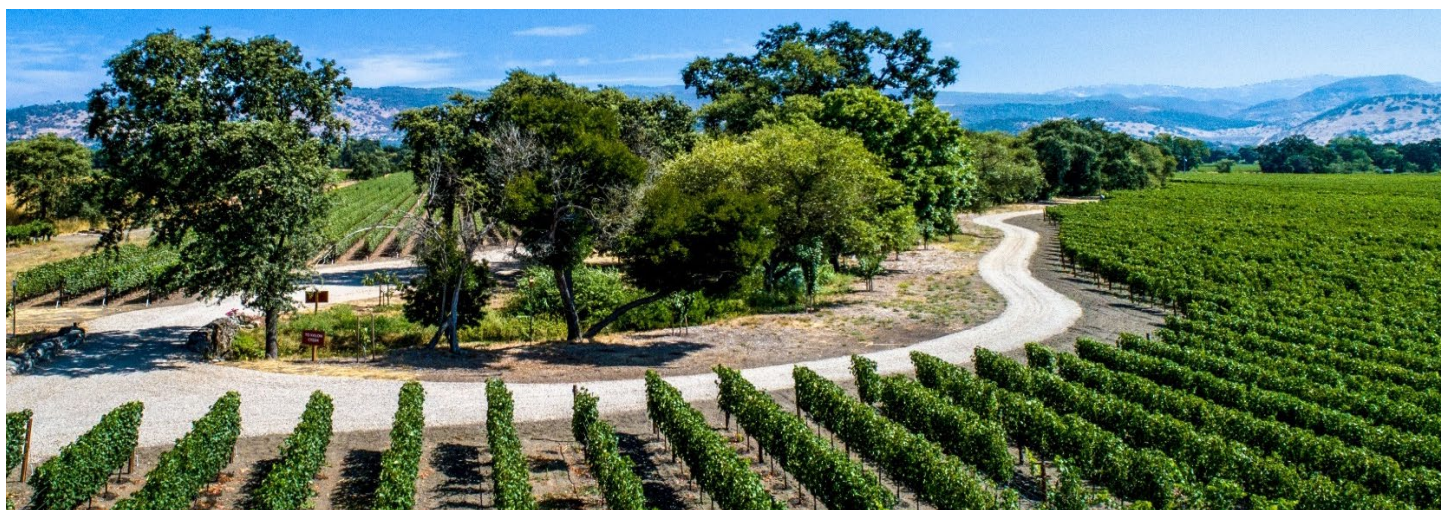


2022

## ‘FORCE DE LA NATURE’

OAKVILLE, NAPA VALLEY CABERNET FRANC

This wine captures the strong, rich, and dense character of the Cabernet Franc grapes from our vineyard in the world-renowned Oakville appellation. Bottled only during outstanding vintages, this massive wine pays homage to Luc's great-grandfather, Gaston Morlet, who had a reputation for being a force of nature in his native Avenay-Val-d'Or. His pioneering spirit remains one of the forces behind our family's passion for making the best wines possible. Crafted from 100% Cabernet Franc grapes, this wine truly is a 'Force of Nature' or 'Force de la Nature.'



Proprietary name	‘Force de la Nature’
Name meaning	Force of Nature ( <i>named in honor of Gaston Morlet</i> )
Varietal composition	Cabernet Franc (100%)
Type of wine	Vineyard designated
Appellation	Oakville, Napa Valley
Vineyard singularity	Morlet Family ‘Cœur de Vallée’ Vineyard Alluvial Bale soils alongside the To Kalon Creek; 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	October 2021
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

“Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2022 ‘Force de la Nature’ bursts with a powerful perfume of black cherries, wild blueberries, and black raspberries, with suggestions of pencil lead, garrigue, and damp loam. The full-bodied palate delivers a firm frame of grainy tannins and wonderful freshness framing the generous red and black fruits, finishing long and spicy.”

98 points

Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW  
The Wine Palate, July 2025

