

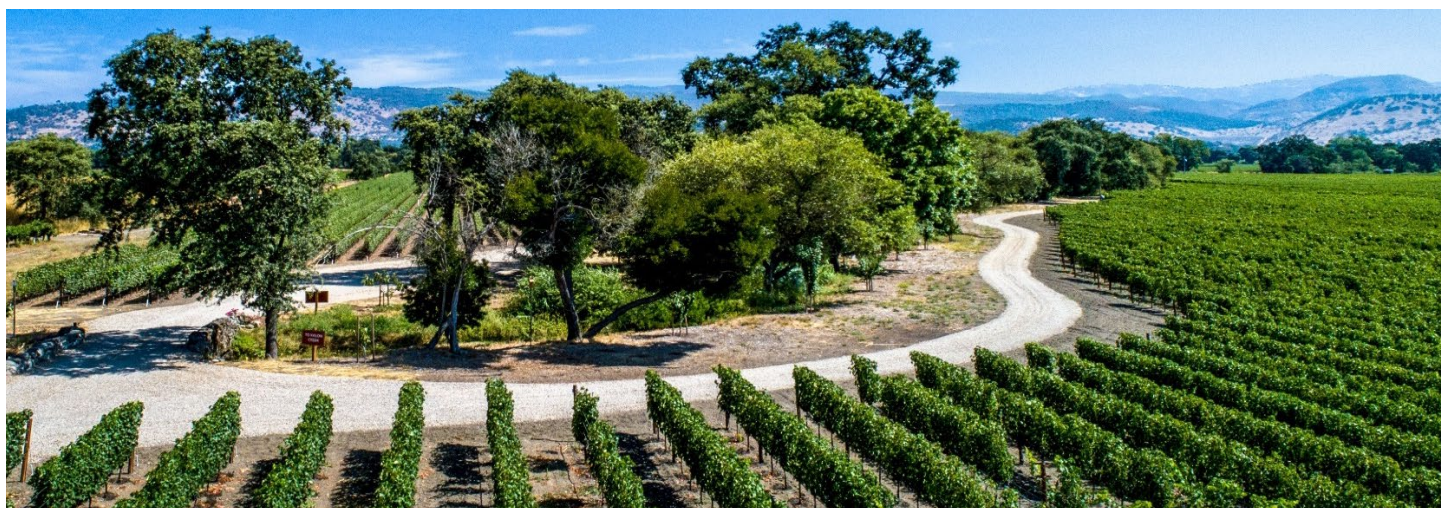


2022

‘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	September 2022
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 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

“Bold and vibrant, this stunning wine is intricately layered and firmly structured at its core, showcasing expressive black cherry and spiced blackberry notes. The 2022 ‘Force de la Nature’ offers a complex profile with layers of juicy, ripe fruit, complemented by elegant oak spices that enhance the overall experience and contribute to its impressive and refined character. This wine is broad-shouldered and effortlessly displays a beautiful sense of focus and freshness throughout. It is truly one of the best and most devastatingly gorgeous Cabernet Francs in all of Napa Valley!” 98 points

Anthony Mueller
AnthonyMueller.com, Oct. 2025

