



## Jodie Morlet

*Executive Director & Co-founder*

Jodie Morlet (née Hauser) grew up in Sacramento, California. The daughter of Physical Education teachers, she spent many years dancing, swimming, and playing soccer, basketball, and volleyball. In high school, Jodie served on the Board of Directors and Speakers Bureau for People Reaching Out, a nonprofit agency which works to mobilize young people to build healthy futures for themselves, their families, and the community. Speaking throughout the state on behalf of the organization, Jodie also served as President for Students Reaching Out, presenting elementary school children with empowering tools for decision making and dealing with peer pressure.

Jodie graduated Valedictorian and then headed off to be a Bruin at The University of California, Los Angeles. While at UCLA, Jodie majored in Child Psychology and minored in Developmental Disabilities and Diversified Liberal Arts. She served as a Behavioral Therapist for the Young Autism Project, and her research for the Developmental Disabilities Immersion Program identifying at-risk preschool age children was published during her junior year. Jodie student taught at UCLA's prestigious Lab School on the Corinne A. Seeds campus and was influenced by remarkable educators including Madeline Hunter. After earning a Master of Education and two teaching credentials, she moved back to Northern California to be closer to family.

Jodie began teaching and spent her evenings taking American Sign Language classes at the local college. She was introduced to Luc Morlet while on vacation in France during the summer of 1994. One year after Luc left his native Champagne, he and Jodie were married. In 1999, after the birth of their first child, Jodie founded The Morlet Selection, Inc. She began importing Pierre Morlet Champagnes and grew the business to represent the acclaimed Tonnellerie Darnajou and Tonnellerie Gauthier Frères. In 2005, Jodie fulfilled her lifelong dream of studying in France and received the *Certificat de Langue Française* at the University of Paris, Sorbonne.

Jodie and Luc founded Morlet Family Vineyards in 2006, handcrafting *vins de terroir* and unique cuvées from the Napa Valley and Sonoma Coast. This dynamic duo is committed to making the best wines possible and to remaining family owned and managed. Their historic winery is located just north of the town of St. Helena, while their 'Cœur de Vallée' vineyard is situated in the renowned Oakville appellation, and their 'Mon Chevalier' vineyard in Knights Valley boasts a stunning view of Mount St. Helena.

Jodie retired from teaching in June 2011 to assume the full-time role of Executive Director for the winery. Jodie and Luc work together to run the multiple facets of their business. Luc is responsible for viticulture and winemaking, while Jodie oversees export, national and direct-to-consumer sales, hospitality, marketing, events, charitable donations, human resource, accounting, and compliance. In 2023, Luc and Jodie founded Morlet Wines International and opened an office in Bordeaux, France.

During the few free hours which she has each month, Jodie tries to practice her flute and strives to maintain her French and American Sign Language skills, but mostly, she enjoys escaping with Luc to the ocean and spending time with their two adult children.