



MORLET

Family Vineyards

2019

‘FORCE TRANQUILLE’

OAKVILLE, NAPA VALLEY CABERNET FRANC

The To Kalon Creek flows under the historic bridge on our property, which is located in the world-renowned Oakville appellation. The combination of gravelly and clay-loamy Bale soil and silt-loamy Cole soil reveals the complexity and subtlety of the Cabernet Franc. This graceful wine pays homage to Luc's mother, Marie-Thérèse Morlet, who has always displayed amazing courage and a spirit of humility. Her work ethic remains one of the forces behind our family's passion for crafting the best wines possible. It is 'Quiet Strength' or 'Force Tranquille.'



Proprietary name

‘Force Tranquille’

Name meaning

Quiet Strength

In honor of Marie-Thérèse Morlet

Varietal composition

Cabernet Franc (85%) Cabernet Sauvignon (15%)

Type of wine

Vineyard designated

Appellation

Oakville, Napa Valley

Vineyard singularity

Morlet Family ‘Cœur de Vallée’ Vineyard

Cole soil series; loamy topsoil on silt-loamy subsoils; consisting of 40%-60% of gravel

Organic & sustainable farming by full-time, year-round Morlet Farming team

Farming

October 2019

Harvest date

Night pick; manual; small lugs; refrigerated truck

Picking

Cluster-by-cluster & berry-per-berry by hand; Le Trieur™

Sorting

Through native yeast; punch downs in stainless steel tanks & Darnajou French oak puncheons; Gyrobox™

Fermentation

16 months in French oak barrels from selected artisan coopers

Upbringing

Unfined, unfiltered

Bottling

5 to 10 years after harvest date

Ideal cellaring

30+ years

Arc of aging

61-64°F (16-18°C); Decant 1 hour prior to serving

TASTING NOTES

“The 2019 ‘Force Tranquille’ wafts out of the glass with a beautifully fragrant nose of black cherries, red roses, redcurrant preserves, and blackberry pie, plus suggestions of pencil shavings, wild sage, and damp soil. The full-bodied palate has so much energy, with a lively line lifting the intense red and black fruit layers, supported by super-ripe, fine-grained tannins, finishing long and perfumed. It is a stunning, elegantly styled expression of Cabernet Franc.”

99 points

Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW

The Wine Independent, Aug. 2022

“The 2019 ‘Force Tranquille’ is a classic Oakville red that has earthy red and black fruits, black olive, tobacco, and chocolate-driven aromatics. These carry to a deep, layered, structured, and just seamless Cabernet Franc that does everything right.”

98 points

Jeb Dunnuck

JebDunnuck.com, March 2022

“The 2019 ‘Force Tranquille’ is a stunning debut. Dark shades of fruit intermingled with spice, dried herbs, leather and coffee lend soaring complexity. Franc can be magical in Oakville, as it is here. Superb.”

98 points

Antonio Galloni

Vinous, Oct. 2021

