



MORLET

Family Vineyards

2023

‘FORCE TRANQUILLE’

OAKVILLE, NAPA VALLEY CABERNET FRANC

Our vineyard is located in the world-renowned Oakville appellation, in the heart of the Napa Valley. The combination of gravelly and clay-loamy Bale soil and gravelly and silt-loamy Cole soil consistently reveals the complexity and subtlety of the Cabernet Franc varietal. This special wine pays homage to Luc's mother, Marie-Thérèse Morlet, who has always displayed an unwavering commitment to details, amazing courage, and a genuine spirit of humility. Her dedicated work ethic remains one of the forces behind our family's passion for crafting the best wines possible. Handcrafted using classical winemaking techniques, it is 'Quiet Strength' or 'Force Tranquille.'



Proprietary name

‘Force Tranquille’

Name meaning

Quiet Strength

In honor of Marie-Thérèse Morlet

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

Varietal composition

Vineyard designated

Type of wine

Oakville, Napa Valley

Appellation

Morlet Family ‘Cœur de Vallée’ Vineyard

Vineyard singularity

Cole soil series; loamy topsoil on silt-loamy

subsoils; consisting of 40%-60% of gravel

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

Farming

September 2023

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

Serving

TASTING NOTES

“The 2023 ‘Force Tranquille’ shows darker currants, leafy tobacco, chocolate, violets, and floral notes with a Cheval Blanc-like complexity, elegance, and purity. It’s medium to full-bodied on the palate, with no hard edges, ultra-fine tannins, and a multi-dimensional, seamless, incredibly seductive style. Cabernet Franc doesn’t get any better! Hide bottles for just 4-5 years, count yourself lucky, and enjoy over the following two decades or more.”

100 points

Jeb Dunnuck

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