



MORLET

Family Vineyards

2022

‘CŒUR DE VALLÉE’



A First Great Growth in the heart of the Napa Valley



A SPECTACULAR SITE

The ‘Cœur de Vallée’ vineyard is situated in the world-renowned Oakville appellation, in the *heart* of the Napa Valley. A seasonal creek meanders through the spectacular property, which is planted to Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. The beautiful view of Mount Saint John is a reminder of the **alluvial fan** that provided the **well-draining soil**, comprised of **40 to 60% of gravel**. It is the confluence of the amazing pedigree of surrounding properties and the alluvial material originating from the Mayacamas Range that makes this vineyard so special. Handcrafted using classical winemaking techniques, this wine is named after its vineyard namesake. It is ‘Heart of the Valley’ or ‘Cœur de Vallée.’



THE 2022 VINTAGE

The 2022 vintage proved to be **excellent** with **amazing quality**. A three-season drought (2020, 2021 & 2022), led to small berries and loose clusters, providing a great deal of intensity, color and concentration. The long heatwave during the second week of September, combined with extreme temperatures, characterized the vintage with multiple night-picks **before, during, and after** the heatwave. These multiple picks resulted in barrel lots that each presented a different profile. The various ripening states of the tannins in each lot created a **great ensemble** with **wonderful and luscious tannins, high tones of acidity, a powerful mouthfeel, and phenomenal complexity**.

WINEMAKER NOTES

“The remarkable 2022 ‘Cœur de Vallée’ bursts from the glass with an **intense and very expressive bouquet** of crème de cassis and licorice, intertwined with savory notes of blond tobacco leaf, bay leaf, and dark chocolate powder. **Rich and concentrated, yet elegant and weightless, the impressive wine boasts a complex and multi-layered texture** with *gras*, a seamless character, and silky tannins from beginning to end, culminating in a long and refined finish. This stunning wine will age **gracefully** for two decades.” *Luc Morlet, June 2025*



2022 'CŒUR DE VALLÉE'

Proprietary name	'Cœur de Vallée'
Name meaning	Heart of the Valley
Varietal composition	Cabernet Sauvignon (96%) Cabernet Franc (4%)
Type of wine	Estate grown; terroir-driven; vineyard designated
Appellation	Oakville, Napa Valley
Vineyard singularity	Morlet Family 'Cœur de Vallée' Vineyard Alluvial soils alongside a seasonal creek; Bale soils; loamy topsoil on loamy & clay-loamy subsoils; consisting of 40-60% gravel
Farming	Organic & regenerative farming by full-time, year-round Morlet Farming team (<i>Organic Certification in progress</i>)
Harvest dates	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

97 Points

"Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2022 'Cœur de Vallée' erupts with notes of crème de cassis, blueberry pie, and cedar, giving way to underlying hints of Indian spices, dried mint, and dusty soil. The **full-bodied palate** has a **firm backbone** of grainy tannins and **lovely freshness** supporting the **decadent black fruit preserves**, **finishing long and minerally.**"

Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW The Wine Palate, July 2025

"The 2022 'Cœur de Vallée' displays **elegantly beautiful power**, featuring notes of oak and a dusty core of dark red and black fruit. The palate grips with fine-grained tannins, and the wine is brilliantly oaked, matching the frame of fruit and offering **layered complexity**. The purity and freshness are refined, expressive, and pure, with the tannic edge in **brilliant harmony** with its structure, delivering an absolutely long, elegant, and pure finish. It's **gorgeous! Bravo!**"

Anthony Mueller AnthonyMueller.com, Oct. 2025

Master Medal

"The **quintessential** 2022 'Cœur de Vallée' exudes blackcurrants, dark berries and a violet note, with gentle, creamy oak hint. Dry but sweet-fruited, with fresh acidity and dense, satin-textured tannins, **the palate is intense, refined and lingering**. Layered, elegant and **persistent.**" *Patricia Stefanowicz MW Global Wine Masters - Bordeaux The Drinks Business, Aug. 2025*

