



MORLET

Family Vineyards

2010

‘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.’



<i>Proprietary name</i>	‘Force de la Nature’
<i>Name meaning</i>	Force of Nature (<i>named in honor of Gaston Morlet</i>)
<i>Varietal composition</i>	Cabernet Franc (100%)
<i>Type of wine</i>	Vineyard designated
<i>Appellation</i>	Oakville, Napa Valley
<i>Vineyard singularity</i>	Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard (2010 - 2016 vintages) Morlet Family ‘Cœur de Vallée’ Vineyard (2017 vintage on) Bale soils; loamy topsoil on loamy & clay loamy subsoils
<i>Farming</i>	Organic & sustainable farming
<i>Harvest date</i>	October 2010
<i>Picking</i>	Night pick; manual; small lugs; refrigerated truck
<i>Sorting</i>	Cluster-by-cluster & berry-per-berry by hand; Le Trieur™
<i>Fermentation</i>	Through native yeast; punch downs in stainless steel tanks & Darnajou French oak puncheons; Gyrobox™
<i>Upbringing</i>	16 months in French oak barrels from selected artisan coopers
<i>Bottling</i>	Unfined, unfiltered
<i>Ideal cellaring</i>	5 to 10 years after harvest date
<i>Arc of aging</i>	30+ years
<i>Serving</i>	61-64°F (16-18°C); Decant 1 hour prior to serving

TASTING NOTES

“With a very intense and unparalleled personality, the 2010 ‘Force de la Nature’ boasts an extremely complex bouquet of crème de cassis, brandy-soaked candied red and black berries, dried plum and redcurrant, intertwined with deep notes of Kahlúa liqueur and mocha alongside hints of cedar box. Full-bodied, seamless and concentrated, the rich mouthfeel displays great density and fine tannins, culminating in an impressively long finish. Reminiscent of an amazing Bordeaux yet remaining inherently Napa, this ethereal wine is remarkable now and will age gracefully for decades to come.”

Luc Morlet

Winemaker Notes, March 2013

