



# MORLET

*Family Vineyards*

2016

## ‘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.’



Proprietary name	‘Force de la Nature’
Name meaning	Force of Nature ( <i>named in honor of Gaston Morlet</i> )
Varietal composition	Cabernet Franc (100%)
Type of wine	Vineyard designated
Appellation	Oakville, Napa Valley
Vineyard singularity	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
Farming	Organic & sustainable farming
Harvest date	October 2016
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

### TASTING NOTES

“The 2016 ‘Force de la Nature’ releases scents of rose hips, oolong tea, dried roses, red loam and pencil shavings over notions of kirsch, redcurrant jelly, crushed black berries and black raspberries plus a waft of chocolate box. The palate is wonderfully elegant, giving beautifully fine-grained tannins and just enough freshness to lift the perfumed fruit to a very long finish. Morlet’s spectacular ‘Force de la Nature’ continues to set the bar sky-high for Napa Valley Cabernet Franc.”

100 points

Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW

Robert Parker Wine Advocate, Oct. 2018

“The nose is beautifully intense cocoa, herb and licorice, crushed seeds, fresh blackberry, mint and cassis. The palate is dense and pliable, lively blackberry with abundant freshness and undeniable sense of power and richness, all seamlessly integrated.”

100 points

Doug Wilder

Purely Domestic Wine Report, Dec. 2019

“The incredibly complex 2016 ‘Force de la Nature’ is multi-dimensional and perfectly balanced, with its fruit, acidity, and tannins all flawlessly integrated. Hats off to winemaker Luc Morlet, who unquestionably has a magic touch with both Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc.”

99 points

Jeb Dunnuck

JebDunnuck.com, June 2019

