



2023 'PASSIONNÉMENT'

OAKVILLE, NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Crafted with the passionate, uncompromised, and ongoing pursuit of quality, this judicious blend comes from the finest barrels of our manicured vineyards on the Oakville Bench and on the foothills of Knights Valley and St. Helena. As the French say, "Je t'aime, un peu, beaucoup, passionnément!" (I love you, a little, a lot, passionately!) This special wine is dedicated to Jodie Morlet. It is 'Passionately' or 'Passionnément.'



Proprietary name	'Passionnément'
Name meaning	Passionately Named in honor of Jodie Morlet
Varietal composition	Cabernet Sauvignon (100%)
Type of wine	Cuvée selection
Appellation	Oakville, Napa Valley
Vineyard singularity	Select barrels showcasing the synergy among the Morlet Family 'Cœur de Vallée' 'Morlet Estate' & 'Mon Chevalier' Estate Vineyards
Farming	Organic & regenerative farming by full-time, year-round Morlet Farming team
Harvest date	September 2023
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 2023 'Passionnément' is perfumed, and expressive, and it reveals red and black currants, spicy wood, flowery incense, and graphite. Full-bodied and seamless, it delivers the elegance of the vintage with ample depth, opulence, and rock solid underlying tannins."

99 points

Jeb Dunnuck

JebDunnuck.com, Dec. 2025

"Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2023 'Passionnément' bursts with vibrant notes of crème de cassis, plum preserves, and cedar chest, giving way to nuances of wild sage, lilacs, and fertile loam. The full-bodied palate is rich and opulent with firm, grainy tannins and impressive tension, finishing long and spicy."

98 points

Lisa Perrotti-Brown, MW

The Wine Palate, July 2025

"The 2023 'Passionnément' is remarkably soft, melting effortlessly across the mouth, with tannins carrying a crushed-cocoa-nib character, layered with cassis and kirsch notes. The complex finish is marked by lingering wild crushed herbs, bay laurel, and subtle tobacco notes."

98 points

Jonathan Crisaldi

Decanter, March 2026

