

**2008 Morlet Family Vineyards  
Cabernet Sauvignon Coeur de  
Vallee**

The inky/purple-tinged 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon Coeur de Vallee is a 250-case blend of 76% Cabernet Sauvignon and 24% Cabernet Franc. It offers up complex notes of unsmoked high class cigar tobacco, creme de cassis, subtle barbecue smoke, licorice and pen ink. Full-bodied with outstanding texture, purity and length, this awesome Cabernet Sauvignon can be enjoyed over the next 25-30 years.

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Cabernet Sauvignon Passione  
Ment**

The exquisite 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon Passionnement, my favorite of this trio, is a 250-case cuvee of 100% Cabernet Sauvignon. It boasts an opaque purple color along with an extraordinary perfume of graphite, blueberries, blackberries, flowers and cassis intermixed with hints of white chocolate and toast. The wine possesses terrific concentration, full-bodied power and a stunning, multidimensional mouthfeel and finish. This exceptional wine should drink well for 30+ years.

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Composed of 90% Cabernet Sauvignon and tiny amounts of Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot, Merlot and Malbec from the Morley estate vineyard, the 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon Mon Chevalier may be the finest wine I have ever tasted from Knight's Valley. Aromas of white chocolate, spring flowers, licorice, charcoal and black currants make for a provocative as well as intense aromatic display. With a voluptuous texture, tremendous opulence, sensational purity and depth, this 2008 is slightly more evolved than the two Oakville offerings. Brilliant winemaking and meticulous attention to detail in the vineyard and winery have resulted in a prodigious effort. Drink it over the next 15-20 years.

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The 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon Coeur de Vallee (a blend of 76% Cabernet Sauvignon and 24% Cabernet Franc) possesses great intensity and richness as well as sweet tannins and remarkable concentration and intensity.

(Not yet released)

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Similar to the 2008, the 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon Passionnement (100% Cabernet Sauvignon) is slightly more forward and floral, but with more structure, tannin and density than most 2009s.

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The 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon Mon Chevalier (made from a blend identical to the 2008) is a seamless, rich, powerful, impressively long and layered wine. All three 2009s will be drinkable earlier and evolve faster than the 2008s, and should keep for two decades or more.

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### 2009 Morlet Family Vineyards La Proportion Doree

The 2009 La Proportion Doree is an exquisite blend of Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon. A full-bodied, layered, palate-staining offering with lots of marmalade and citrus oil characteristics, this is a compelling white wine to drink over the next 7-8 years.

(Not yet released)

This exceptional group of wines is limited in quantity (from a low of 125 cases to a high of 400+ cases for several of the Chardonnays) cuvees. This is the visionary project of Luc Morlet, a Frenchman who worked for Peter Michael and still consults there with his brother, Nicolas. In issue 192 I reviewed the Morlet Family's Cabernet Sauvignons from Oakville. The following reviews include his brilliant Chardonnays, Pinot Noirs and Syrahs from cool climate sites primarily located on the Sonoma Coast, but also in the Russian River and Bennett Valley. The 2009 Chardonnays are as concentrated as the 2008s, which is rather remarkable since the yields were higher in 2009. The alcohols are slightly lower, but these are some of the finest 2009 Chardonnays I tasted in California. Like the 2008s, Morlet believes in the old Wente clone of Chardonnay as opposed to some of the newer Dijon or older Davis clones. Tasted from barrel, all three 2009 Chardonnays are perfumed...

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