

**2010 Morlet Family Vineyards
Cabernet Sauvignon Coeur de
Vallee**

The 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon Coeur de Vallee is laced with freshly cut flowers, sweet red berries and mint. Weightless and crystalline, the 2010 is pure silk and finesse. The Coeur de Vallee is always the most elegant of Morlet's Cabernets, and the 2010 plays true to type. Sweet floral notes add lift on the finish. The 2010 is gorgeous today, but it needs a few years in bottle to blossom fully. This is yet another tremendous wine from Luc and Jodie Morlet. The 2010 is 76% Cabernet Sauvignon and 24% Cabernet Franc. Anticipated maturity: 2020-2030.

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**2010 Morlet Family Vineyards
Morlet Estate**

The 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon Morlet Estate is striking. Firm tannins support a core of expressive red berries, flowers and mint in this deep, powerful wine. Mocha, espresso and violets emerge over time, adding considerable complexity, power and depth. Layers of fruit flow through to the voluptuous, inviting finish, but the 2010 remains closed and not fully expressive. This is going to be a fascinating wine to follow over the coming years, and it should be thrilling once it comes together a bit more in bottle. Today, the 2010 is notably more impressive than it was when I tasted it from barrel last year. Anticipated maturity: 2020-2030.

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**2010 Morlet Family Vineyards
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Chevalier**

The 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon Mon Chevalier bursts from the glass with smoke, scorched earth, tobacco, incense and dark plums. There is plenty of Knights Valley character in the glass, but at the same time the fruit is so pure and refined as to make the tannins much more polished than is often the case. The Mon Chevalier is another deep wine endowed with serious depth and power. Anticipated maturity: 2020-2030.

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**2010 Morlet Family Vineyards
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Passionnement**

The 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon Passionnement covers every inch of the palate with sweet dark cherries, plums, menthol, licorice and sweet spices. A round, sumptuous wine, the 2010 impresses for its phenomenal balance and class. The integration of fruit, acidity and structure is flat-out great. Although the 2010 starts shutting down in the glass quickly, the wine's potential is immediately evident. To tell the truth, the Passionnement is rarely my favorite Morlet wine, but the 2010 is drop-dead gorgeous. Anticipated maturity: 2020-2030.

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