



## Journalist scores & articles «Cœur de Vallée»

*Jeb Dunnuck, March 2022*

### 2019 « Cœur de Vallée »

**98 POINTS**

Mostly Clone 4 Cabernet Sauvignon with 6% Cabernet Franc, all from a site next to To Kalon, the 2019 'Cœur de Vallée' offers lots of darker currant and black cherry fruits as well as notes of cedary spice, new leather, and dried herbs. These carry to a full-bodied, concentrated, incredibly complex Oakville Cabernet with sweet tannins, a great mid-palate, and one heck of a finish. Drink it over the coming 20-25 years.

*Antonio Galloni, January 2022*

### 2019 « Cœur de Vallée »

**95 POINTS**

The 2019 'Cœur de Vallée' is soft, racy and gracious. It presents gorgeous savory aromatics to play off its midweight structure and understated personality. Black cherry, mocha, leather, spice and menthol grace this understated Cabernet. This soft, open-knit Cabernet is already quite accessible and delicious.

*Jeb Dunnuck, January 2021*

### 2018 « Cœur de Vallée »

**98 POINTS**

All four of the flagship Cabernets from Morlet are absolutely world class. The 2018 'Cœur de Vallée' reveals a dense ruby/purple color as well as a flat-out awesome nose of crème de cassis, black raspberries, flowery incense, dried tobacco, and classy new leather; this carries to a full-bodied, opulent, seamless 2018 with incredible tannins, flawless balance, and a blockbuster of a finish. It's classic To Kalon with it's rich, powerful, yet weightless style. While unquestionably very different wines, I kept thinking of a great 1982 Bordeaux while tasting this beauty, as those show a similar level of class, richness, and balance. Enjoy bottles any time over the coming 2-3 decades. This is the finest vintage I've tasted for this cuvée.

*Robert Parkers, January 2021*

### 2018 « Cœur de Vallée »

**97 POINTS**

This is a blend of 96% Cabernet Sauvignon and 4% Cabernet Franc. This is the first vintage where 100% of the fruit for this vintage came from Morlet's new 'Cœur de Vallée' vineyard in Oakville—just across the road from To Kalon. Deep garnetpurple colored, the 2018 'Cœur de Vallée' opens with wonderfully pure notions of crushed blackberries, wild blueberries and black cherries with hints of black currant cordial, Chinese five spice, candied violets and licorice, plus a touch of garrigue. Full-bodied, the voluptuously fruited palate offers layers of black and blue fruits with a velvety texture and seamless freshness, finishing long and savory.

*Robert Parkers, October 2018*

### 2016 « Cœur de Vallée »

**97 POINTS**

This is the last vintage when this wine will come exclusively from Beckstoffer's To Kalon vineyard. In the future it will come (more and more) from Morlet's own new vineyard in Oakville—just across from To Kalon. A blend of 87% Cabernet Sauvignon and 13% Cabernet Franc, the 2016 'Cœur de Vallée' has a very deep purple-black color and reveals compelling notes of minted blackcurrants, black cherries and wild blueberries with touches of sage, cigar box, tilled black soil and Indian spices with a suggestion of cardamom. Full-bodied and laden with densely packed, muscular fruit, it has a rock-solid frame of ripe, grainy tannins and seamless freshness, finishing very long with those To Kalon spices lingering with fantastic persistence.