

purely domestic wine report

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2014 'Ma Princesse' 100 points *Russian River Valley Chardonnay*

A nose of concentrated citrus marmalade, stones, honey, mint, orange melon, faintly savory notes of ground mustard seed spiciness, and vanilla. The palate is vibrant throughout displaying exquisite layering of lemon, pear and wet stone-like pristine dryness and length. There is a stunning level of purity and balance in the core that feels utterly effortless. An astonishing, ethereal masterpiece. Drink 2016-2030.

2014 'Coup de Cœur' 98 points *Sonoma Coast Chardonnay*

A nose of caramel, dried citrus resin, pear infusion, pulverized granite, licorice and flowers. The palate has a waxy, fresh entry with rich lemon bar, apple skin, slate and toast. A solid core that holds the tactile, honey-infused citrus finishing with a mouth coating richness, flowers and warm stone fruits. Drink 2017-2030.

2014 'Ma Douce' 97 points *Fort Ross-Seaview Chardonnay*

A nose of honey, pulverized citrus, granite dust, wheat flour, anise pod, green apple, saline, pear and white blossoms. The palate is lightly delicate on entry with yellow citrus, pear tart displayed in a crisp, rolling intensity. Beautiful texture, lush and polished with an impeccable bright fresh finish. Drink 2016-2028.

2014 'Côteaux Nobles' 96 points *Fort Ross-Seaview Pinot Noir*

A nose of currant, earth, fresh lively kirsch and raspberry, macerated red tomato, notes of brown spice and nuts. The palate entry is fresh cherry, black raspberry with notes of tomato, richly put together, balanced and dynamic. Firm, young and promising. Drink 2018-2030.

2014 'En Famille' 95 points *Fort Ross-Seaview Pinot Noir*

Shows a richly textured, luscious loamy black fruits and kirsch, firm, vibrant licorice and blueberry. The palate is warm, bright and textured on entry with kirsch, currant and cranberry. Drink 2018-2030.

2014 'Joli Cœur' 95 points *Fort Ross-Seaview Pinot Noir*

The nose is rich, polished plum, graphite and licorice with beautiful intensity and notes of brown spice. The palate is driven by bright acidity, textured vibrant and seamless mid-palate. It is the most hedonistic of Morlet Pinot Noir. Drink 2017-2030.

2014 'Bouquet Garni' 94 points *Bennett Valley Syrah*

Shows elements of vibrant red berry, baked earth, lavender, violet, peppercorn, blue fruits and roots. The palate is ripe on entry. Peppercorn, blackberry and plum. Purity, firmness and freshness with plenty of texture. Drink 2018-2026.

2014 'La Proportion Dorée' 98 points *Sonoma County Proprietary White Bordeaux-style Blend*

Yet another masterpiece from this producer that quite possibly on any other day would score perfect. The nose is pineapple, golden nectarine, rich notes of apple pie, white pepper, chamomile, caramel, citrus, spruce and resin. The palate combines extraordinary ripe richness on entry with a penetrating crisp white currant, nectarine and peach. Shows beautiful density with a structural oily viscosity. Drink 2016-2030.