



# MORLET

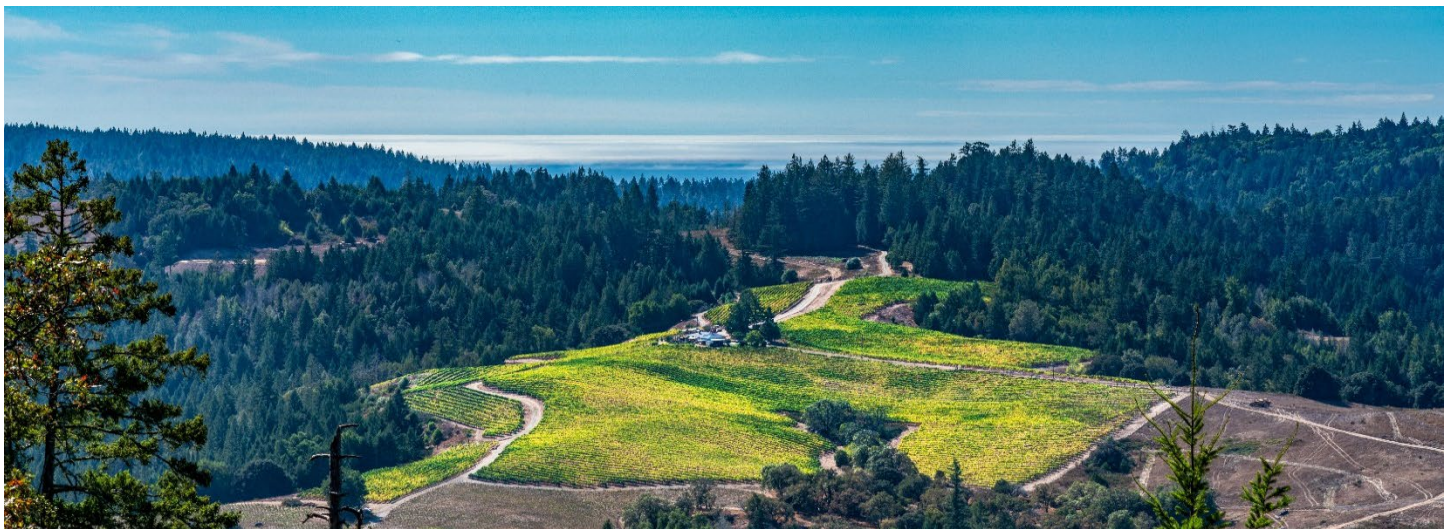
*Family Vineyards*

2006

## 'CÔTEAUX NOBLES'

FORT ROSS - SEAVIEW PINOT NOIR

Located on the Sonoma Coast, on the eastern slope (Côte) of the second ridge from the Pacific Ocean, this unique hillside vineyard (Côteau) benefits from the cool maritime breeze and the mild and sunny mountain climate. The noble site's natural conditions are ideal for growing excellent Pinot Noir in the Goldridge soil. Handcrafted using classical Burgundian winemaking techniques, it is the 'Noble Hillsides' or 'Côteaux Nobles.'



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| Proprietary name     | 'Côteaux Nobles'  |
| Name meaning         | Noble hillsides   |
| Varietal composition | Noble Pinot Noir varietal   |
| Type of wine         | Pinot Noir  |
| Appellation          | Vineyard designated   |
| Vineyard singularity | Fort Ross-Seaview, Sonoma Coast   |
| Typical harvest date | On the second ridge from the Pacific Ocean<br>1350-1450 feet elevation; northern exposure<br>Goldridge sedimentary soil |
| Picking              | October   |
| Sorting              | Night pick; manual; small lugs; refrigerated truck  |
| Fermentation         | Cluster-by-cluster & berry-per-berry by hand;<br>Le Trieur™   |
| Upbringing           | Through native yeast; Punch downs in stainless steel tanks & French oak puncheons; Gyrobox™                             |
| Bottling             | 14 months in French oak barrels from selected artisan coopers   |
| Ideal cellaring      | Unfined, unfiltered   |
| Arc of aging         | 4 to 6 years after harvest date   |
| Serving              | 20 to 25 years<br>59-61°F (15-16°C); Decant one hour prior to serving   |

### TASTING NOTES

*"Luc Morlet, who comes from a Champagne family, obviously loves Pinot Noir, and his 2006 'Côteaux Nobles' has that wonderfully fragrant forest floor and floral note that always reminds me of a DRC Richebourg or Grands Echézeaux. This dark ruby/purple wine reveals beautifully sweet raspberry and black cherry fruit, with a floral note well-displayed. It is a broad, rich, intense, yet light on its feet, gorgeously complex Pinot."*

93 points

Robert M. Parker, Jr.

Robert Parker Wine Advocate, Dec. 2007

