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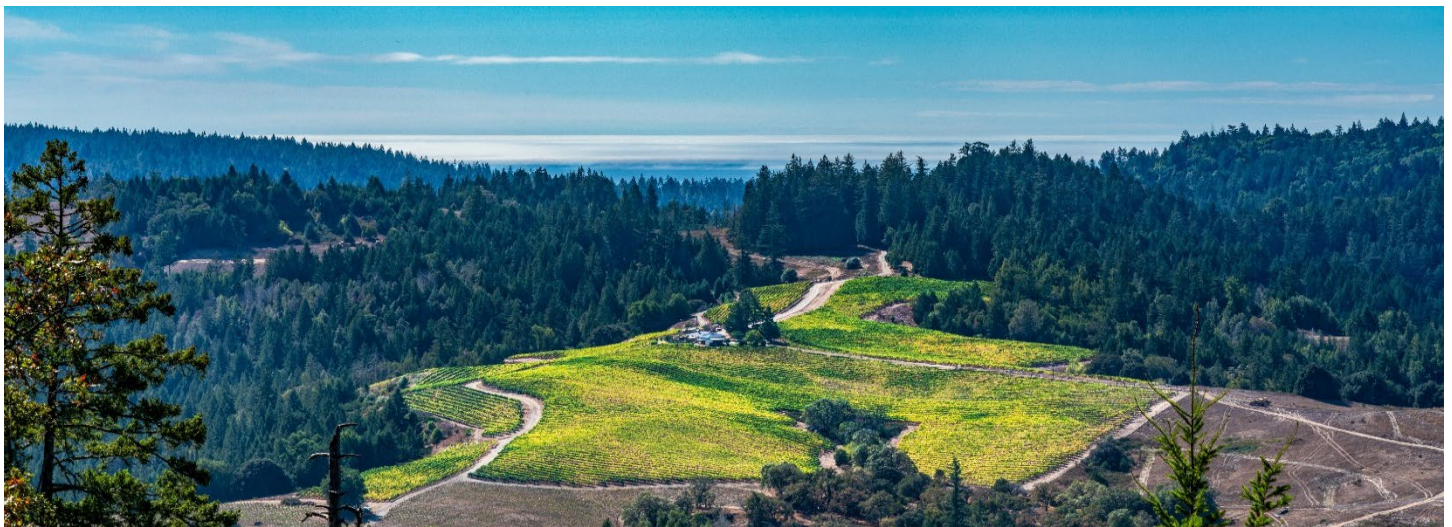
*Family Vineyards*

2008

‘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.’



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

TASTING NOTES

“Full red. Very ripe, expressive aromas of strawberry liqueur, Griotte cherry and raspberry jam. Then sappy, juicy, and intense in the mouth, with pungent dark berry flavors complicated by spices, smoke, and intriguing soil tones. For all its sweetness of fruit the 2008 ‘Côteaux Nobles’ is classically dry in an Old-World way.”

92 points

Stephen Tanzer

International Wine Cellar, May 2010

