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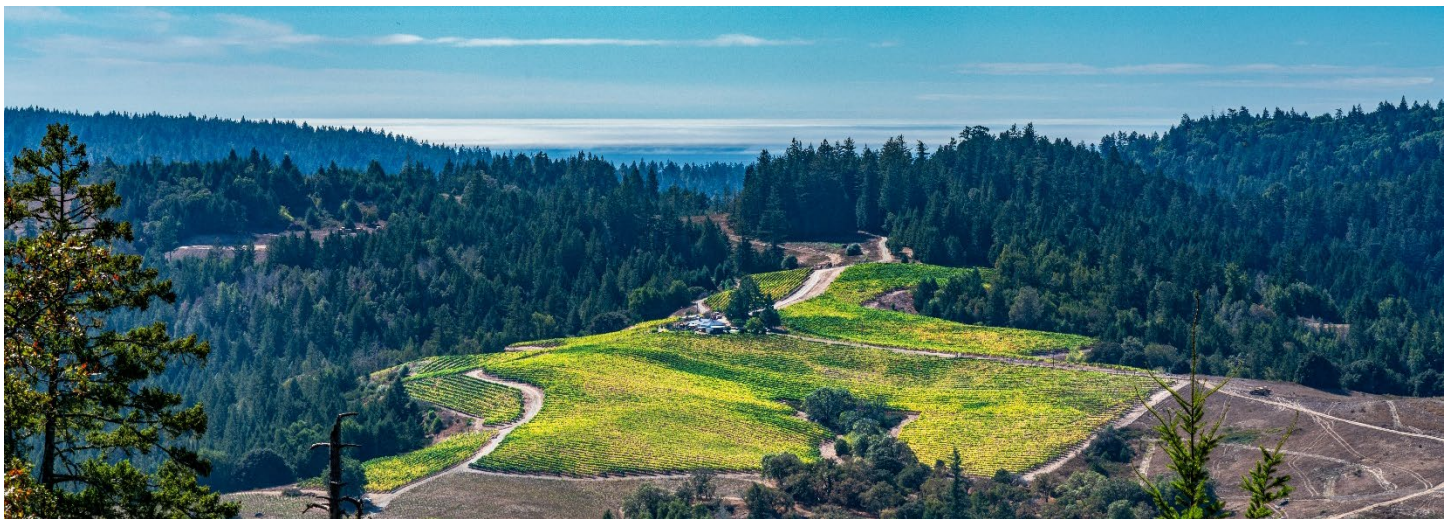
Family Vineyards

2009

‘EN FAMILLE’

FORT ROSS - SEAVIEW PINOT NOIR

For generations, our family has grown the Pinot Noir grape in France. When our children were young, we celebrated this commitment each harvest as they stomped a small vat of Pinot Noir from California’s Sonoma Coast. Handcrafted using classical Burgundian winemaking techniques, this special wine is dedicated to our grandparents, parents, and relatives from both countries. As with any family celebration or casual gathering, this wine is to be appreciated ‘En Famille.’



<i>Proprietary name</i>	‘En Famille’
<i>Name meaning</i>	With the family Five generations of Morlets working with Pinot Noir
<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 1100-1300 feet elevation; south-eastern 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

“Good deep red. Wonderfully pure aromas of black raspberry, graphite, and spices, along with subtle earth notes. Sweet, rich, very ripe and suave, with solid acidity and a high note of cranberry framing and energizing the flavors of raspberry, spices, leather and earth. The 2009 ‘En Famille’ really spreads out horizontally on the finish, which features substantial dusty tannins and lingering leather and earth tones.”

95 points

Stephen Tanzer

International Wine Cellar, May 2011

