



# MORLET

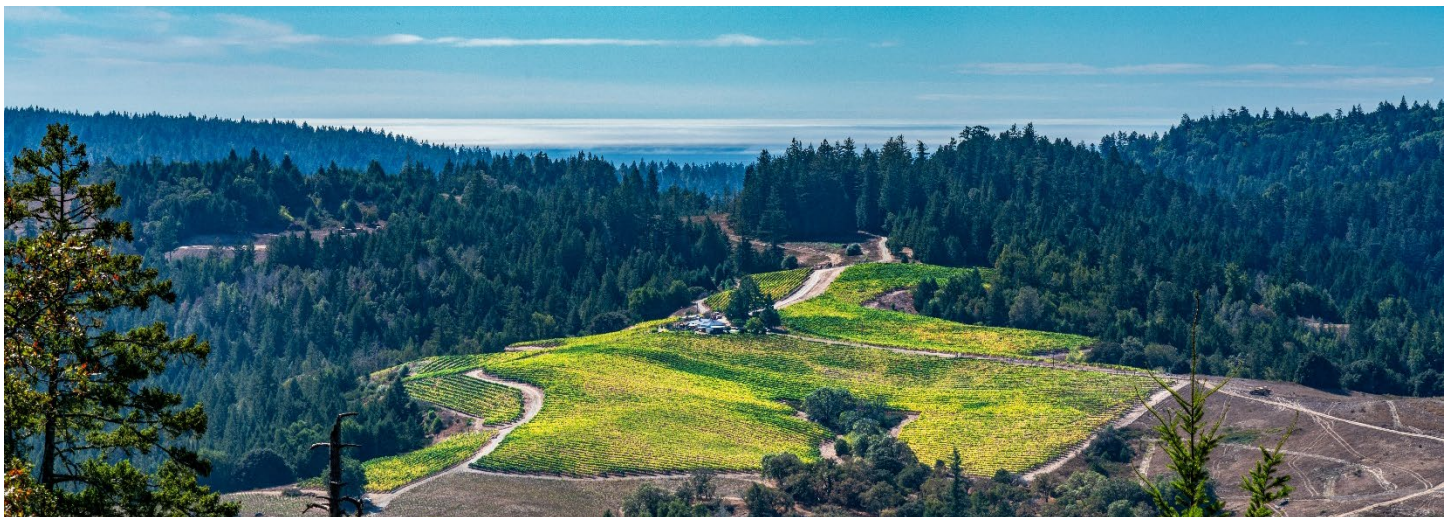
*Family Vineyards*

2011

## ‘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

*“The 2011 ‘En Famille’ exhibits a darker color along with more substance and richness. Damp forest floor and autumnal notes vie with red and black currants as well as a beautiful spiciness to create a fuller, more expansive style of Pinot Noir.”*

*92 points*

*Robert M. Parker, Jr.*

*Robert Parker Wine Advocate, Dec. 2013*

*“Good dark red. Pungent aromas of crushed raspberry, wild herbs, and a hint of leather; high-pitched and primary. Then juicy and penetrating, even youthfully tight, in the mouth, with a strong acid spine and firm tannins keeping the dark berry fruit under wraps today. But I still find the essential roundness of 2011 in the background.”*

*92+ points*

*Stephen Tanzer*

*International Wine Cellar, May 2013*

