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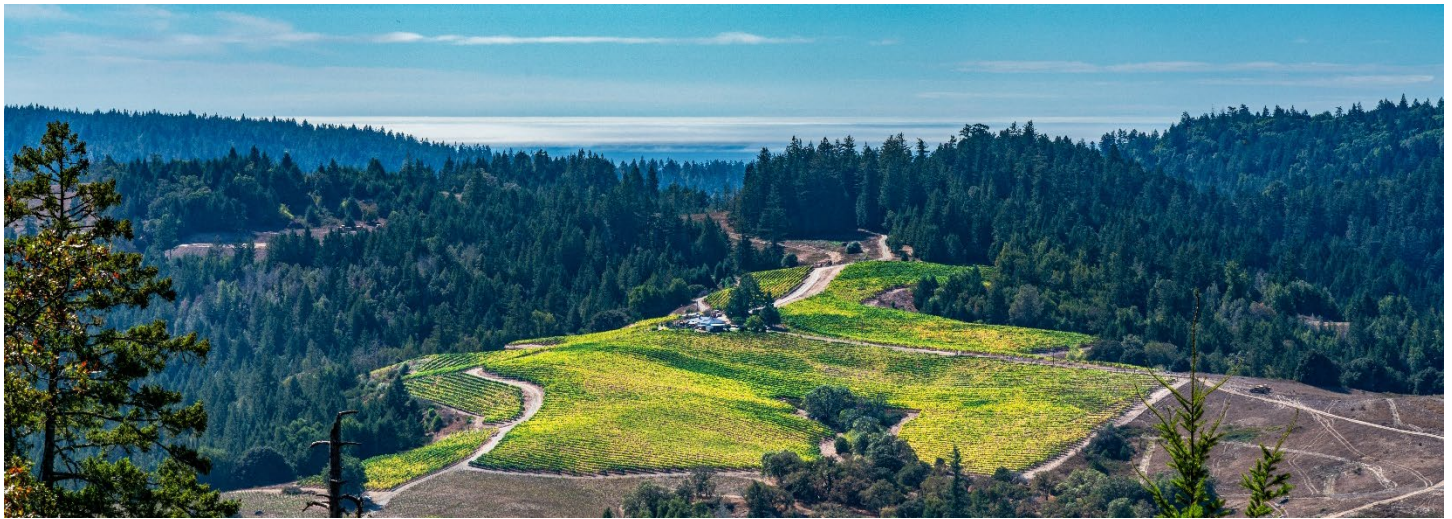
Family Vineyards

2012

‘JOLI CŒUR’

FORT ROSS - SEAVIEW PINOT NOIR

This Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir is made from the very best section of the ‘Côteaux Nobles’ vineyard, located on the eastern slope of the second ridge from the Pacific Ocean. This great and beautiful (*Joli*) plot is at the very center of the ranch, its heart (*Cœur*). Handcrafted using classical Burgundian winemaking techniques, we named this age-worthy wine after the French expression which references the intriguing and attractive character of Pinot Noir. It is the ‘Charming Character’ or ‘Joli Cœur.’



Proprietary name	‘Joli Cœur’
Name meaning	Beautiful heart of the vineyard Charming character of the Pinot Noir
Varietal composition	Pinot Noir
Type of wine	Vineyard designated
Appellation	Fort Ross-Seaview, Sonoma Coast
Vineyard singularity	On the second ridge from the Pacific Ocean 1100-1200 feet elevation; eastern exposure; Goldridge sedimentary soil
Typical harvest date	October
Picking	Night pick; manual; small lugs; refrigerated truck
Sorting	Cluster-by-cluster & berry-per-berry by hand; Le Trieur™
Fermentation	Through native yeast; Punch downs in stainless steel tanks & French oak puncheons; Gyrobox™
Upbringing	14 months in French oak barrels from selected artisan coopers
Bottling	Unfined, unfiltered
Ideal cellaring	4 to 6 years after harvest date
Arc of aging	20 to 25 years
Serving	59-61°F (15-16°C); Decant one hour prior to serving

TASTING NOTES

“The most complete of Luc Morlet’s 2012 Pinots, the ‘Joli Cœur’ is terrific. Fresh, vibrant, and beautifully nuanced throughout, the ‘Joli Cœur’ shows more mineral and savory notes, while the fruit lies in the background. There is no shortage of intensity here, but all of that energy and pure concentration is very nicely balanced. A wine of real pedigree.”

94+ points

Antonio Galloni

Vinous, May 2016

“The multidimensional 2012 ‘Joli Cœur’ exhibits a deep ruby/plum/purple color as well as a sweet bouquet of raspberries, black cherries, and damp forest floor notes, a full-bodied, lush, round, generously endowed style, and beautiful purity, texture, and length. It comes across as a Grand Cru from the Northern Côte de Nuits.”

92+ points

Robert M. Parker, Jr.

Robert Parker Wine Advocate, Dec. 2014

