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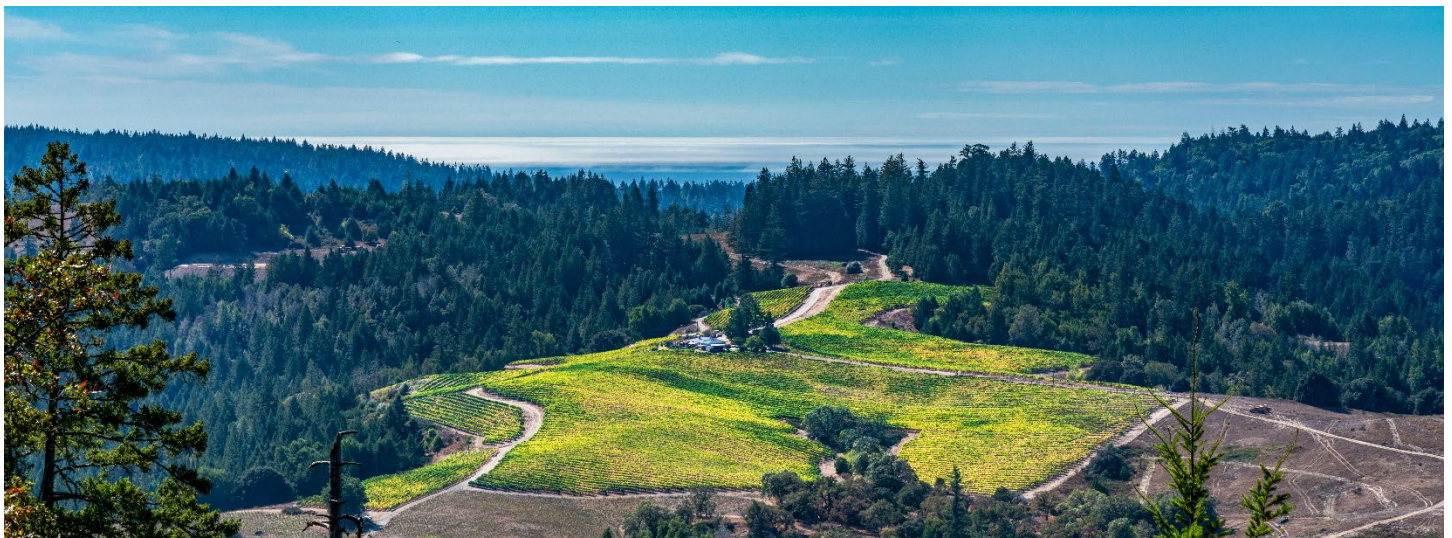
Family Vineyards

2012

‘MA DOUCE’

FORT ROSS - SEAVIEW CHARDONNAY

Located on the Sonoma Coast, on the second ridge from the Pacific Ocean, this unique hillside vineyard is comprised of Goldridge soil and benefits from both the cool maritime breeze (douce brise) and the mild and sunny mountain climate. Handcrafted using classical Burgundian winemaking techniques, this wine is dedicated to my wife, Jodie Morlet. It is ‘My Sweet’ or ‘Ma Douce.’



Proprietary name	‘Ma Douce’
Name meaning	My Sweet ‘Douce brise’ from the ocean Named after Jodie Morlet
Varietal composition	Chardonnay
Type of wine	Vineyard designated
Appellation	Fort Ross-Seaview, Sonoma Coast
Vineyard singularity	On the second ridge from the Pacific Ocean 1500-1600 feet elevation; above the fog layer Goldridge soils
Picking	Night pick; manual; small lugs; refrigerated truck
Sorting	Cluster-by-cluster
Fermentation	In barrel through native yeast
Upbringing	14 months in French oak barrels from selected artisan coopers Malolactic <i>Sur lies</i> with <i>bâtonnage</i>
Bottling	Unfined, unfiltered
Ideal cellaring	3 to 5 years after harvest date
Arc of aging	15 to 20 years
Serving	55-59°F (13-15°C); Decant when served young

TASTING NOTES

“The 2012 ‘Ma Douce’ reminds me of a classic Bâtard-Montrachet produced by Michel Niellon in the mid-1980s. Lots of brioche, honeysuckle, caramelized citrus, and buttery pear notes are found in this long, full-bodied, beautiful white. Ripe and full-bodied with terrific acidity as well as freshness.”

95 points

Robert M. Parker, Jr.

Robert Parker Wine Advocate, Dec. 2014

