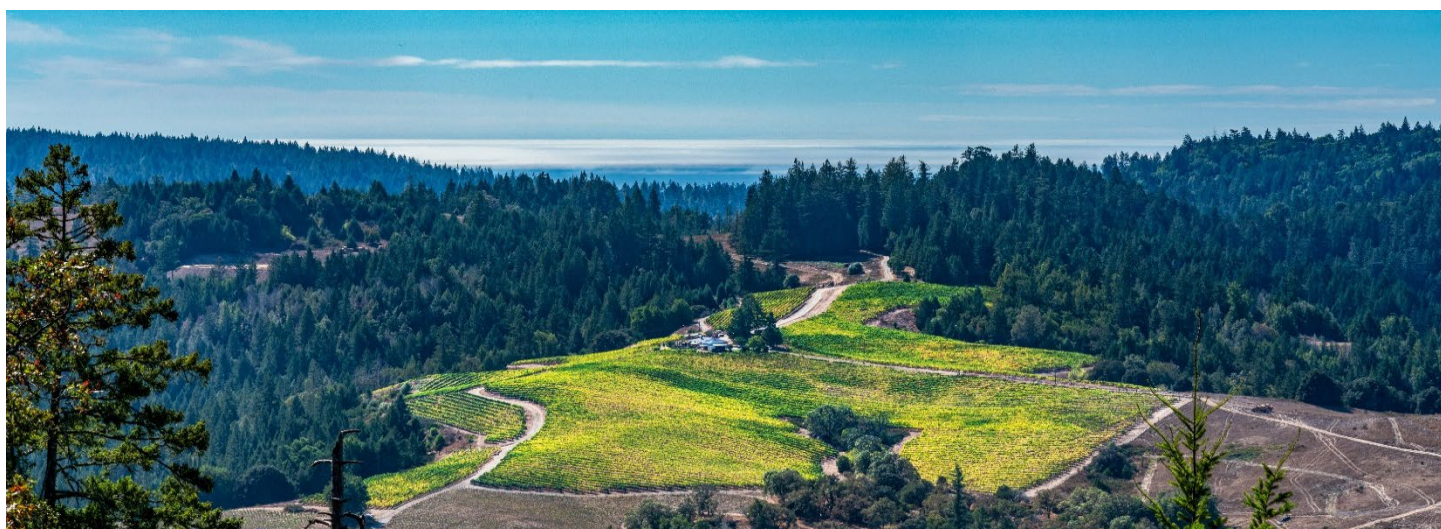




2016
 ‘CÔTEAUX NOBLES’
 FORT ROSS - SEAVIEW PINOT NOIR

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.’



Proprietary name	‘Côteaux Nobles’
Name meaning	Noble hillsides
	Noble Pinot Noir varietal
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 1350-1450 feet elevation; northern 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 2016 ‘Côteaux Nobles’ comes from 26-year-old vines located at 1,000-1,250 feet on the second ridge in from the ocean. Medium to deep ruby-purple colored, it simply sings of crushed black cherries, black raspberries, and kirsch notes plus nuances of underbrush, violets, and chocolate box. Medium to full-bodied, the palate packs a real punch of bold, expressive black cherry and floral layers, framed by plush, fine-grained tannins and finishing long and vibrant.”

95 points

Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW

Robert Parker Wine Advocate, Oct. 2018

“The 2016 ‘Côteaux Nobles’ has a big core of sweet fruit and is one of the most powerful, layered, full-bodied wines I’ve tasted from this AVA. Don’t let that scare you off though, as this beauty stays fresh and elegant as well and has classic red and blue fruits, forest floor, and bouquet garni-like aromas and flavors. It’s beautifully done and has considerable elegance.”

95 points

Jeb Dunnuck

JebDunnuck.com, June 2018

