



MORLET

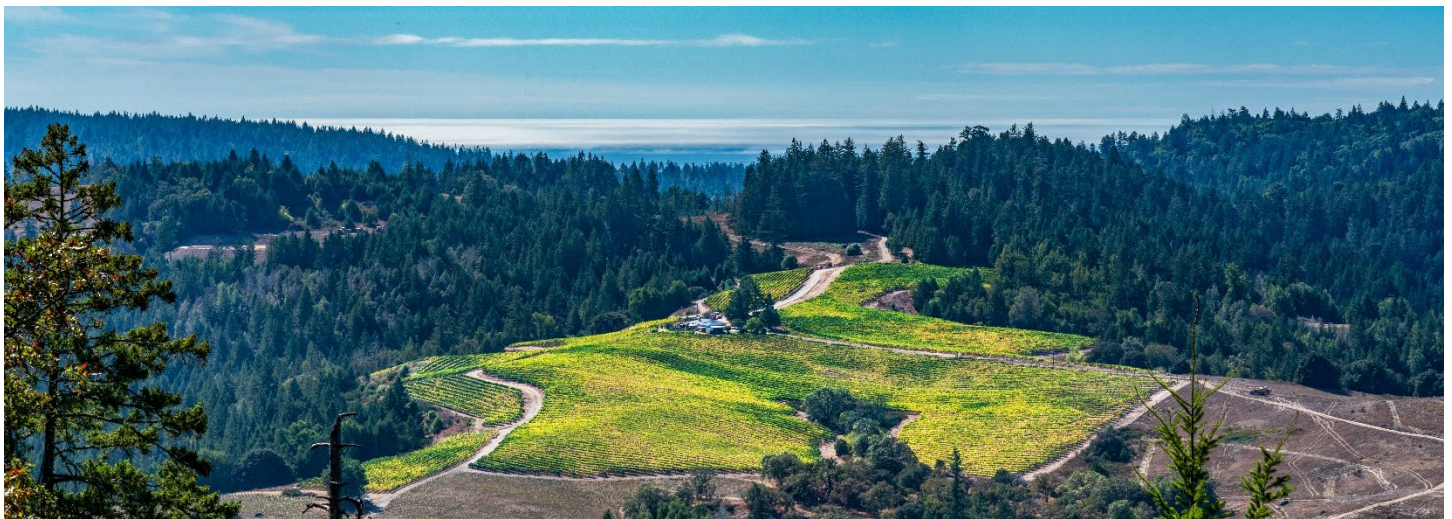
*Family Vineyards*

2017

‘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

“More black fruits, smoked earth, baking spices, and earthy, saddle leather notes emerge from the 2017 ‘En Famille.’ This ripe, powerful, full-bodied Pinot Noir has an incredible texture and a huge core of fruit, yet it stays balanced, pure, and elegant, with plenty of tannic structure.” 98 points

Jeb Dunnuck

*JebDunnuck.com, June 2019*

“Medium ruby-purple colored, the 2017 ‘En Famille’ delivers quite serious scents of tobacco and new leather over a core of black raspberries, black cherries, and kirsch with hints of dried herbs, tilled soil, and red roses plus a waft of fallen leaves. Medium-bodied, the palate is fantastically fresh and delicately played, featuring grainy tannins to frame the energetic fruit, finishing long with a provocative ferrous note.” 96 points

Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW

*Robert Parker Wine Advocate, Dec. 2019*

