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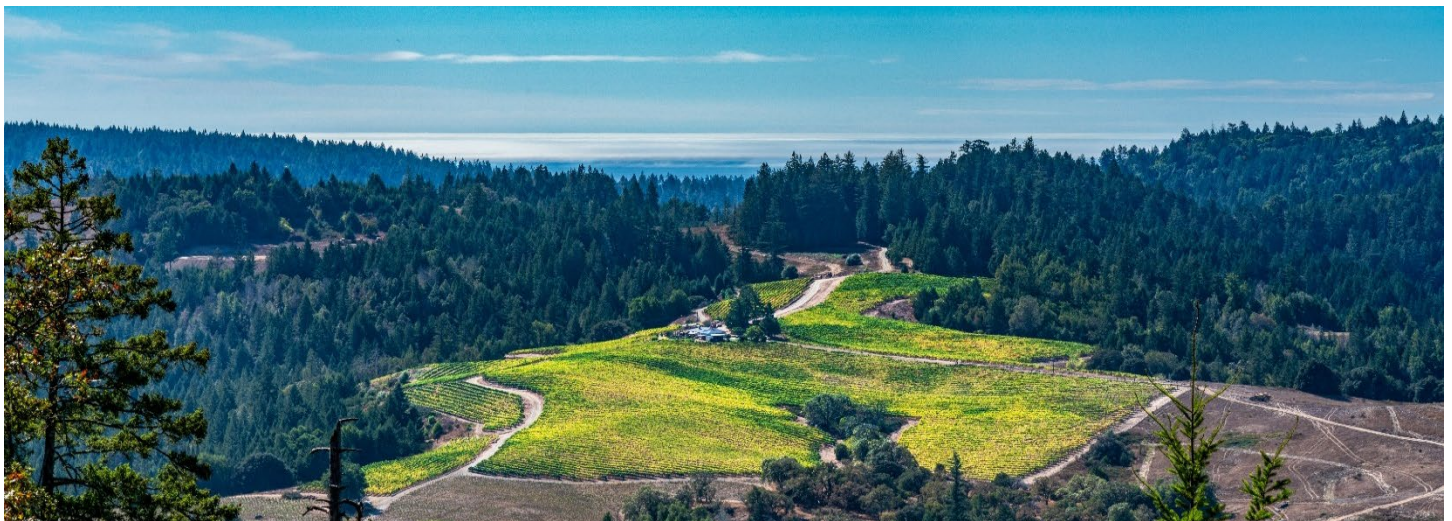
Family Vineyards

2018

‘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.’



<i>Proprietary name</i>	‘Côteaux Nobles’
<i>Name meaning</i>	Noble hillsides Noble Pinot Noir varietal
<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 1350-1450 feet elevation; northern 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 2018 ‘Côteaux Nobles’ has a ripe, opulent bouquet of black raspberries, orange blossom, baking spices, white chocolate, and candied violets. Gorgeous on the palate as well, this full-bodied Pinot Noir has a rounded, opulent texture that carries bright acidity, ripe tannins, and a distinct salty minerality and subtle marine-like influence. It’s drinking spectacularly and is the finest vintage of this cuvée I’ve tasted.”

98 points
Jeb Dunnuck
JebDunnuck.com, Aug. 2020

