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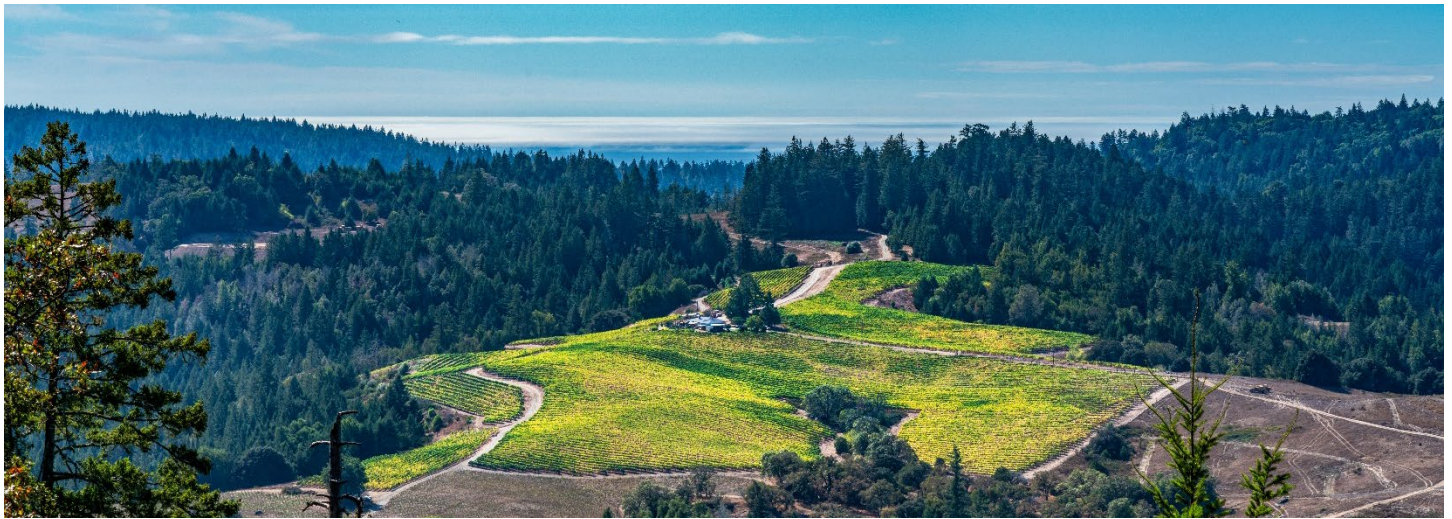
Family Vineyards

2021

‘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

“A structured and noble wine, the 2021 ‘Joli Cœur’ is a highly compelling red with an introspective nature revealing pure, concentrated aromas of kirsch, dark mineral earth, roses, mossy forest floor, cinnamon, and cola spices. The palate springs to life with incredible energy, an electric personality, finely coiled tannins, refreshing acidity, and a compact, racy core with sanguine underpinnings of iron-rich earth and blood orange.”

100 points

Audrey Frick

JebDunnuck.com, June 2024

“The 2021 ‘Joli Cœur’ comes barreling out of the glass with expressive scents of wild blueberries, Morello cherries, and boysenberries plus suggestions of Sichuan pepper, underbrush, and candied violets. The palate has wonderful tension and energy, with beautifully ripe, fine-grained tannins and loads of mineral sparks in the black fruit layers, finishing on a lingering perfumed note.”

98 points

Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW

The Wine Independent, Feb. 2024

