

## 2023 '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.'



'En Famille' Proprietary name With the family Name meaning

Five generations of Morlets working with Pinot

Noir

Pinot Noir Varietal composition

Vineyard designated Type of wine

Fort Ross-Seaview, Sonoma Coast Appellation

Vineyard singularity On the second ridge from the Pacific Ocean

1100-1300 feet elevation; south-eastern exposure

Goldridge sedimentary soil

October Typical harvest date

Night pick; manual; small lugs; refrigerated truck Picking

Cluster-by-cluster & berry-per-berry by hand; Sorting

Le Trieur™

Through native yeast; Punch downs in stainless Fermentation

steel tanks & French oak puncheons; Gyrobox™

14 months in French oak barrels from selected **Upbringing** 

artisan coopers

Unfined, unfiltered Bottling

4 to 6 years after harvest date Ideal cellaring

20 to 25 years Arc of aging

 $59-61^{\circ}F$  ( $15-16^{\circ}C$ ); Decant one hour prior to Serving

serving

## TASTING NOTES

"The 2023 'En Famille' is medium ruby-purple colored. After a little swirling, notes of cranberry preserves, black raspberries, and red cherries spill from the glass, giving way to hints of rose bud tea, orange peel, tilled soil, and moss. Full-bodied, the palate is filled with earth-laced red berry flavors, supported by fine-grained tannins and well-knit freshness, finishing long and savory." 97 points

> Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW The Wine Palate, July 2025

"The 2023 'En Famille' opens to a touch riper feel, with seductive, layered aromas of suede, cherries, wild herbs, cedar, violet, and toasted spices. The palate is inviting and elegant, with a rounded and medium to full-bodied feel, but it's light on its feet and has a lasting long finish."

> 97 points Audrey Frick JebDunnuck.com, July 2025

