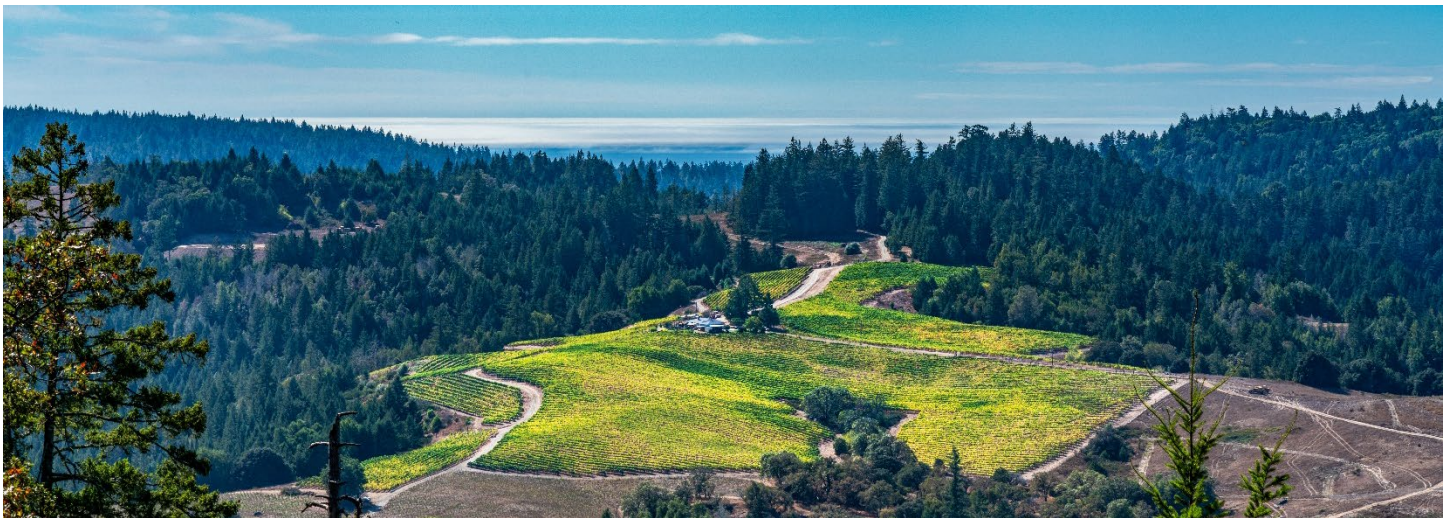
MORLET
Family Vineyards

2020

'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.'



Proprietary name	'En Famille'
Name meaning	With the family Five generations of Morlets working with 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 1100-1300 feet elevation; south-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

"Medium ruby-purple colored, the 2020 'En Famille' delivers shy notions of wild thyme, damp soil, and cedar before giving way to a core of cherry pie, raspberry preserves, and mulberries. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is delicately styled and subtly layered, with red fruits and earthy accents supported by fine-grained tannins and seamless freshness, finishing savory."

95 points
Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW
The Wine Independent, Aug. 2022

"The 2020 'En Famille' opens with aromas of bright red cherry, pomegranate, and caramelized orange peel. Bright acidity and velvety tannins glide you to flavors of red raspberry, cranberry, and a touch of saddle leather in the finish."

Best Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir
Mike Desimone & Jeff Jenssen
Robb Report, Aug. 2025