



'JOLI CŒUR' FORT ROSS - SEAVIEW PINOT NOIR

The Joli Cœur "comes across as a grand cru from the Northern Côte de Nuits. It should drink well for a decade or more."
Robert M. Parker, Jr. The Wine Advocate, December 2014



This Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir is made from the excellent 'Côteaux Nobles' hillside vineyard which is 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 winemaking techniques, this unique wine is also named after the typically seductive character of the Pinot Noir grape. It is the 'Charming Character' or 'Joli Cœur.'

Winemaker Notes:

Intense red and black cherry and raspberry coulis flavors with earthy notes (graphite), rich and concentrated with a lingering finish. Will age gracefully for decades.

In the center (heart) of the Côteaux Nobles vineyard, the Goldridge soil is very shallow, causing the vines to struggle. They produce small clusters with tiny berries, resulting in a full-bodied and concentrated Pinot Noir.

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	Manual, small lugs, refrigerated truck
Sorting	Cluster by cluster and berry per berry
Fermentation	Through native yeast Punch downs in tanks & puncheons
Upbringing	14 months French oak from selected artisan coopers
Bottling	Unfined, unfiltered
Cellaring time	10+ years
Serving	Slightly below room temperature No decanting

