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"Absolutely Spectacular Offerings" Robert Parker, December, 2014

95 PINOT NOIR RESERVE 2010: An **absolutely profound**, **spectacular** Pinot Noir, with a DRC-like forest floor, black raspberry and blackberry nose, a deep ruby color and fabulous texture. Beet root and Asian spice give additional complexity to this generously endowed, fleshy, yet exceptionally complex and elegant. This, along with the Chardonnay, gives me high hopes that they've got a special site on the Sonoma Coast and are on their way to much greater attention and acclaim.

94 CHARDONNAY 2012: This is just a killer Chardonnay. Light gold color, loads of spring flowers, wet rocks, honeysuckle, almond paste, caramelized citrus with a touch of brioche and white peach. Beautifully textured, full-bodied, incredibly elegant & intense. A superb Sonoma Coast Chardonnay to drink over the next decade or more.

93 PINOT NOIR "SYMPOSIUM" 2010: Rich, meaty, dense, multi-dimensional like a **grand cru from the Cote de Nuits.** Notes of forest floor, black currants, black cherries and smoky tobacco leaf are followed by a wine with beautiful fruit and a silky texture. Consume it over the next 5-7 years. 12/13

92 PINOT NOIR "SYMPOSIUM" 2011: A smaller cuvée, 97% Pinot Noir blended with 3% Pinotage, (owners are from South Africa). **Spectacular** Pinot Noir, notes of forest floor, Asian soy and plum sauce, mulberry, black cherry and some gamey, smokey notes. Ripe, medium to full-bodied and beautifully made. Alcohol is a very modest 13%. 548 cases, which should age nicely for 10–12 years or so.

91 PINOT NOIR RESERVE 2009: Copious aromas of forest floor, spring flowers, sweet strawberries and cherries, roasted herbs and spice are found in this beautiful, expressive Pinot. It is ideal for drinking next 3–4 years.

90 PINOT NOIR 2009: Deep ruby-colored reveals an outstanding bouquet of loamy soil, underbrush, red and black cherries, and a hint of oak, full-bodied mouthfeel, velvety texture. **Drink this sexy Pinot** next 5-6 years.

Wine Spectator

90 CHARDONNAY 2012 Fort Ross Vineyard, Fort Ross-Seaview • Sonoma Coast

Seductively smoky, toasty oak meets rich, full-bodied pear, apple, honeydew and nectarine flavors. The finish is juicy and spicy, with a green fig aftertaste that lingers. Drink now through 2019. 447 cases made. —J.L. JUNE, 2014

90 PINOT NOIR 2010 Fort Ross Vineyard, Fort Ross-Seaview • Sonoma Coast

Offers a firm, rustic backbone, dense and tight, with blackberry, raspberry, anise and spicy notes. This is young and chewy, ending with a persistent finish and vibrancy that suggests a long life ahead. Drink now through 2021.—J.L. APRIL, 2014

90 PINOT NOIR RESERVE 2009 Fort Ross Vineyard, Fort Ross-Seaview • Sonoma Coast - *Library Wine* Offers lots of smoky, toasty oak, with fruit to match, cloaking rich dark berry flavors that are intense, deep and persistent. Shows impressive purity, backbone and density. Needs time. Best from 2014 through 2023. 303 cases made. –JL SEPT 2013

90 PINOT NOIR RESERVE 2007 Fort Ross Vineyard, Fort Ross-Seaview • Sonoma Coast - Library Wine

Offers deep, complex, focused plum, mineral and black cherry fruit that's supple and delicate. Full-bodied, ending with a subtle mix of flavors laced with sassafras. Drink now through 2016. 344 cases made.—J.L. OCT 2011

92 PINOT NOIR RESERVE 2005 Fort Ross Vineyard, Sonoma Coast - Library Wine

90 PINOT NOIR SEA SLOPES 2010 Fort Ross Vineyard, Fort Ross-Seaview • Sonoma Coast



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90 PINOT NOIR 2011: Red raspberry is at the core of this crisp, fresh and medium-bodied estate wine, savory in cranberry and tea. Seamless and silky, it finishes tart, a complex example of a cool site and cool vintage crafted by an experienced winemaker, Jeff Pisoni. V.B. JULY. 2015

93 PINOT NOIR 2010: *Editors' Choice* Shows the elegance of the far Sonoma Coast, and also the ageworthiness of a fine wine. Dry and crisp, it has deep flavors of cherries, pomegranates and persimmons that are fresh and tart. It will have no trouble negotiating the next six years, growing earthier and more complex. MAR, 2014

92 CHARDONNAY 2012: "Best of the Year" issue: Unctuous, ripe in caramel toasty aromas, deep golden in color but completely crisp and balanced. The nose is so overwhelming that the flavors take time to show. It's a celebration of green apple and melon enveloped in complex minerality and a supple body. V.B. DEC. 2014

93 CHARDONNAY 2011: *Editors' Choice* Coastal, cool-climate, gracefully minerally and acidic...Wet-stone tang, intense quince, golden mango, Asian pear fruitiness. This lovely wine is worth every cent of its price. S.H. 3/14

93 CHARDONNAY RESERVE 2011: Cellar Selection Big..cream, lees, toast, Mandarin oranges, apricots...

93 PINOT NOIR "SEA SLOPES" 2012: Pleasantly pungent in ripe damson plum, this Pinot has lovely acidity, giving it a spicy mouthfeel around firmly present tannins. Full-bodied midpalate, the wine mellows through to the finish, ending in juicy fruit and earth. FEB, 2015

91 PINOT NOIR "SEA SLOPES" 2011: Generous black raspberry and mulberry with hints of baking spices...

95 PINOT NOIR "SEA SLOPES" 2010: Editors' Choice - Sold Out

93 PINOT NOIR RESERVE 2009: Classic Fort Ross this rich and textural.

94 PINOT NOIR RESERVE 2007 - *Library*: A very beautiful wine that shows the exotic...



94 PINOT NOIR RESERVE 2009: Gorgeous wine complex aromas and flavors...Voluptuous mouthfeel...

91 PINOT NOIR 2010: Rich aromas of strawberries and cranberries showing some fresh mushrooms. Palate has some preserves and a long, big finish. This is a full-bodied wine showing nicely balanced acidity.

93 PINOT NOIR 2009



91 PINOT NOIR 2010: Its deep and very continuous themes of extracted cherries are accented by intriguing highlights of green tea and forest-floor spice, and, while still a bit grippy and tannic, it has more than enough fruity flesh on its ample bones. JUNE, 2014

91 PINOT NOIR "SEA SLOPES" 2012: Well-defined, ripe-cherry fruit is met in the nose by a nice dollop of sweet oak, hints of stony soil spice, like-minded flavors follow, but in both cases, the wine holds back just a bit. 6/14

91 CHARDONNAY 2012: Rich, mildly creamy aromas of ripe apples & pears, clean, juicy, generous fruit abounds...



PINOT NOIR 2010: ★★★★ **EXCELLENT** Refined, elegant. Rich and ripely flavored; a full bodied, complex, lightly tannic, good balance, firm, long finish. In aroma/flavor, cherry, raspberry, plum jam, juniper, toast, nutmeg...

PINOT NOIR RESERVE 2010: $\star\star\star\star$ 1/2 **EXCELLENT - EXCEPTIONAL:** The Reserve is more subtle and refined, with full body, good balance, a long flavor evolution on the palate, and a persistent finish, tasting of rosehips, cherry, raspberry, vanilla, toast, and oak.

PINOT NOIR "SEA SLOPES" 2012: ★★★ **EXCELLENT** Elegantly flavored (strawberry, cherry, raspberry, with vanilla and oak), full bodied. Very good balance and long finish. Excellent quality.

ROSE of Pinot Noir 2013: ★★★★ **EXCEPTIONAL** Very fine quality: supple, rich, balanced; strawberry, watermelon, cherry, peach, rosehips, grapefruit aromas/flavors, a long, harmonious finish. **Terrific quality & value.**

PINOTAGE 2010: ★★★★ **EXCELLENT** Rich and supple in style, this is a distinctly flavored Pinotage (plum jam, cooked meat, rhubarb, herbs), with overtones of vanilla, toast, and oak. Very long finish. Excellent.

PINOT NOIR RESERVE 2009:★★★★ EXCEPTIONAL Subtle, elegant....outstanding: rich, full bodied...