

## PEAY VINEYARDS

### 2003 ROUSSANNE/MARSANNE, SONOMA COAST ESTATE

#### WINEMAKING NOTES

Clones:	73% Roussanne, 27% Marsanne
Harvest dates:	October 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2002
Primary fermentation:	100% indigenous in 5 year old French oak barriques
Secondary fermentation:	100% malolactic fermentation
Aging:	No new oak, aged sur lies for 11 months, unfiltered and unfiltered
Production:	110 cases

#### TASTING NOTES

The nose opens with floral hints of orange blossoms with hints of Satsuma Mandarins and beeswax. As the wine opens further, the mid palate really takes on fruit weight and the typical notes of raw almonds and pear skin contribute added complexity to the mouth. Though by no means necessary, the refreshing acidity and limestone minerality in the mid-palate promise that this wine may be aged for many years, if desired.

#### PEAY VINEYARDS/THE SONOMA COAST

Peay Vineyards is located in the northwestern corner of the "true" Sonoma Coast approximately 4 miles from the Pacific Ocean near Sea Ranch. The vineyard sits high on a south facing hilltop formed by the Wheatfield Fork of the Gualala River. The soil type is Ohlson formation. This 10 million year old sediment formation is comprised of fine, silty sand and 20-30% clay in the sub soils. The nutrient poor soil is very low vigor.

Our climate is warm/mild during the day and cool/cold at night with temperatures rarely exceeding ninety degrees with average temperatures in the high seventies/low eighties. The vines sit at 900 feet often enveloped by the coastal fog that shoots up the canyon from the ocean. This accounts for our long growing season and greater development of phenological components of ripeness, fruit complexity and expression of terroir.

We planted the first 30 acres of our 48 acre vineyard in 1998 with the remaining planted in 2001 and 2002. We grow and produce **Pinot noir, Syrah, Chardonnay, Viognier and Roussanne/Marsanne**. 2001 was our first vintage. Case production is extremely limited. We sell, and will continue to sell, fruit to a handful of premier wineries including Williams Selyem Winery. Our winemaker and partner is Vanessa Wong, formerly winemaker at Peter Michael Winery.