

PEAY VINEYARDS

2004 ROUSSANNE/MARSANNE ESTATE, SONOMA COAST

TASTING NOTES

The 2004 Roussanne/Marsanne is vibrant and floral with notes of beeswax, honey, biscuit, jasmine, marzipan and pear. The mouth feel is smooth though the 2004 has less glycerin than the 2003 (as well as less alcohol.) The acidity is lively with an oily, chalky, minerally mid-palate. The finish is quite long. The result is a superbly balanced, harmonious and elegant blend that is drinking surprisingly well right now though it has the structure to age well.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Clones:	68% Roussanne, 32% Marsanne
Harvest dates:	September 24 th
Primary fermentation:	Whole cluster pressed in 100% indigenous in 5 year old French oak barriques
Secondary fermentation:	100% malolactic fermentation
Aging:	No new oak, aged sur lies for 11 months, unfinned and unfiltered
Production:	90 cases

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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.