

PEAY VINEYARDS

2005 *LES TITANS* ESTATE SYRAH, SONOMA COAST

WINEMAKER VANESSA WONG'S TASTING NOTES

The cuvée name, *Les Titans* ("the Giants"), refers to two enormous and ancient redwood trees left by loggers over 100 years ago that flank the blocks of Syrah. Though it shares some of the vintage imprints evident in the 2005 *La Bruma* Estate Syrah, the 2005 *Les Titans* Estate Syrah has more fruit and is a "bigger" wine. The nose has a clear note of meatiness (roasted lamb or fennel sausage) and graphite. The mouth hints at youthful flavors of vanilla and blueberry with a true depth of fruit in the mid-palate. As *Les Titans* opens, meaty, bloody, iron aromas undergird a deep red fruit core with accents of black pepper, brown spices and anise. The tannins are more evident than in *La Bruma* though silky. Tobacco and fennel linger on the medium to long finish. This is a very exciting wine and will cellar well. Decant for one hour.

Clones:	Clones UCD1 and selections Côte Rôtie and Estrella (Chapoutier)
Processing:	Picked from November 1 st -5 th . Sorted and destemmed into 1 and 3 ton open top fermenters. A four day cold soak was followed by a 10-to-17 day whole berry fermentation. At all times, we employ gentle processing and bottle unfiltered and unfiltered
Aging:	31% new Cadus, François Frères and Ermitage French oak barrels for 15 months
Production:	285 cases

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 average temperatures in the mid 70s. The vines sit at 900 feet often enveloped by the coastal fog in the morning that shoots up the canyon from the ocean. Every afternoon a cool coastal breeze blows in and keeps temperatures moderate. These factors account for our long growing season that can lead to 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 fruit to a handful of premier wineries including Williams Selyem and Failla wineries. Our winemaker and partner is Vanessa Wong, formerly winemaker at Peter Michael Winery.