

# PEAY VINEYARDS

## 2006 *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. True to its name, *Les Titans* is the more masculine, compact cuvée.

The dark nose showcases a deep dark plum core with grilled meats with hickory smoke overtones. The tannins are soft but drier than in *La Bruma*. As the wine carries across the palate the flavors amplify and fill the mouth with dried fig, iron, blackberry, white pepper and fennel seed. The length is incredibly long and persistent. Drink now with an hour decant or age for 5+ years.

Clones:	Estrella (47%), 1 (27%), a Côte Rôtie selection (18%) and 174 (8%)
Processing:	Blocks were picked separately during the last week of October and then sorted and destemmed into 1 and 3 ton open top fermenters. A four day cold soak was followed by a 14-to-18 day whole berry fermentation. At all times, we employ gentle processing and bottle unfinned and unfiltered
Aging:	33% new Cadus, François Frères and Ermitage French oak barrels for 15 months
Production:	375 cases

### PEAY VINEYARDS/THE SONOMA COAST

Peay Vineyards is located in the far northwestern corner of the "true" Sonoma Coast, four miles from the Pacific Ocean near Sea Ranch. The vineyard is located in an extreme area for grape growing with plenty of morning fog, afternoon winds and low 70° temperatures. 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 grow and produce **Pinot noir, Syrah, Chardonnay, Viognier and Roussanne/Marsanne**. Our winemaker and partner Vanessa Wong, formerly winemaker at Peter Michael Winery, crafts wine of elegance and focus that capture the cool climate location and express the minerality and fruit complexity that have become the hallmark of our vineyard. Case production is extremely limited. We sell fruit only to Williams Selyem and Failla wineries.