

PEAY VINEYARDS

2006 POMARIUM ESTATE PINOT NOIR, SONOMA COAST

Pomarium (apple orchard in Latin) harkens to the days when our hill was planted to pears and apples for dried fruit production to feed San Francisco. The 2006 Pomarium Estate is bright and appealing with wild strawberry, cherry and sandalwood anchored by black licorice and tarragon notes. With more time in the glass the tension between bright fruit aromas and earthy notes promise much for those with the patience to age the wine a few more years. The mouth is true to the nose adding hints of blood orange and black tea. The 2006 has great persistence and length with a clean finish. If you open one on release, decant for at least 45 minutes and cellar the remaining bottles for 3+ years.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Clones:	667 (38%), 777 (23%), 115 (19%), Calera (10%), 828 (10%)
Harvest dates:	September 23 rd – October 16 th
Processing:	Destemmed and fermented, whole berry, into 1 and 3 ton open top fermenters. 4 day cold soak followed by 9 to 16 day fermentation
Aging:	32% new François Frères, Ermitage, Damy, Cadus French oak barriques for 11 months
Production:	1100 cases produced

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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 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.