

PEAY VINEYARDS

2007 *LA BRUMA* ESTATE SYRAH, SONOMA COAST

WINEMAKER VANESSA WONG'S TASTING NOTES

La Bruma ("the mist or fog") pays tribute to the role fog plays in producing our unique microclimate. The 2007 *La Bruma* has the classic cool climate characteristics found in our Syrah and is already drinking quite well. The style is more similar to the 2002 and 2005 vintages showing finesse over power.

The nose opens with aromas of wet stone lifted by violet, boysenberry and a touch of white pepper. The aromas are not fruity but instead are savory with notes of tarragon, rare steak and cloves supporting the graphite and berry notes. The acidity is superb creating a focused and persistent finish. If you open a bottle now, do not decant but instead watch it develop in the glass. We recommend holding the 2007 *La Bruma* for 3+ years for maximum pleasure.

Clones: 1 (24%), Estrella (23%), 470 (19%), 174 (15%), and a suitcase selection (19%) that we call P²

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 unfined and unfiltered

Aging: 24% new Cadus, Damy and François Frères French oak barrels for 15 months

Production: 550 cases

PEAY VINEYARDS/THE SONOMA COAST

We farm our vines on a ridge top above a river gorge in the northwestern corner of the "true" Sonoma Coast 4 miles from the chilly Pacific Ocean. A consistent afternoon ocean wind, our placement in the cool inversion layer and our ancient marine soils allow us to produce wines of elegance, intensity and focus.

Peay Vineyards is a family-run business that we started from scratch in 1996. We planted the first 30 acres of our 54 acre vineyard in 1998 with the remaining planted in 2001 and 2008. We grow and produce Pinot noir, Syrah, Chardonnay, Viognier and Roussanne/Marsanne. 2002 was our first vintage. Our winemaker and – Nick Peay, the grape grower's wife - is Vanessa Wong, formerly winemaker at Peter Michael Winery. We sell fruit to a handful of premier wineries including Williams Selyem and Failla Wineries.