

PEAY VINEYARDS

2007 ESTATE PINOT NOIR, SONOMA COAST

If you ever wished for a little more fruit and richness without sacrificing the acidity or structure of a Peay Pinot noir, then the 2007 Estate may be just the cuvée for you. It is a blend of mostly Dijon 828 and a suitcase selection we call “Boots” as well as a little 115 and a Pommard selection. With this third cuvée we demonstrate how clone 828 and the Boots selection put a slightly different twist on a Peay Pinot noir while still staying true to the vineyard’s character.

TASTING NOTES

The Estate Pinot has an intense cherry nose with brown spices, iron, dried needle, and brass highlights. The mouth is round, smooth and full-bodied. The tannins are soft, though present, and support aromas of bright cherry, chocolate, sandalwood and forest floor. There is a touch of anise seed on a very long—minutes long—cherry finish. Though the Estate Pinot noir is richer than Pomarium, the acidity is quite good and the elegance of Pinot noir made from our vineyard is evident.

Clones: Dijon clones 828, 115 and “Boots” and Pommard selections
Harvest dates: August 31st – October 8th
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: 35% new François Frères, Damy, Remond, and Cadus French oak barriques for 11 months

WHAT OTHER PEOPLE THINK

TANZER: 2007 PEAY VINEYARDS “THE ESTATE” PINOT NOIR 93 POINTS
Vivid red. Sexy, intensely perfumed aromas of raspberry, wild strawberry, cinnamon, mace and minerals. Impressively energetic and pure, offering spicy red berry flavors and a suave floral quality. The finish repeats the red fruit and spice notes and lingers seductively.

VINOGRAPHY: 2007 PEAY VINEYARDS “THE ESTATE” PINOT NOIR 9.5 POINTS
Medium garnet in the glass this wine has a gorgeous aromas of cranberry, wet earth and violets. In the mouth it is above all, juicy, with incredibly lush, soft textures that envelop cherry, plummy flavors that deepen and resonate the longer the wine stays on the palate. Great acidity and poise last through an incredibly long finish. A bit less structured than the single vineyard Pinot Noirs, this third addition to the Pinot lineup is bound to find lots of fans. **Score: around.**

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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 at 800 feet on a south facing hilltop formed by the Wheatfield Fork of the Gualala River. The morning fog and cool ocean breezes account for our long growing season that can lead to greater development of phenological components of ripeness, fruit complexity and expression of terroir. Our winemaker and partner is Vanessa Wong, formerly winemaker at Peter Michael Winery. We grow and produce **Pinot noir, Syrah, Chardonnay, Viognier and Roussanne/Marsanne**. We sell fruit to a handful of premier wineries including Williams Selyem and Failla Wineries.