

# PEAY VINEYARDS

## 2012 SAVOY VINEYARD PINOT NOIR, ANDERSON VALLEY

### TASTING NOTES

The Savoy Vineyard in Anderson Valley represents our first foray into making vineyard designate wine from someone else's fruit. We have admired this vineyard for some time and when fruit was offered to us in 2011, the opportunity to put a Peay touch on this famed vineyard proved irresistible. We have been fortunate that the owners of Savoy are diligent farmers and are now re-planting new blocks and offering us older blocks and clones we have desired. Barring any unforeseen disasters, we look forward to making a Savoy wine for a long time.

The 2012 *Savoy* Pinot noir is a tremendous wine. It has significant strength and richness though it retains its elegance and poise. The nose is a combination of dark cherry and iron notes with a savory underbrush. The mouth adds tarragon, brass and sage to the core of fruit augmenting the savory profile and bringing in a powerful masculine presence though it is not juicy, heavy or sweet. The 2012 *Savoy* is a serious and suave wine. The finish is quite long with medium tannins. We recommend holding the wine for a few years until 2016 to start enjoying and believe it will age and improve for at least a decade or longer.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

Clones: Pommard (44%), 115 (28%), Calera (18%) and 114 (10%),  
Harvest dates: September 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>  
Aging: Aged sur lies in 33% new Francois Freres, Ermitage, Cavin, Mercurey and Remond French oak barriques for 11 months. Bottled unfinned and unfiltered.  
Production: 425 cases  
Technical Notes: 13.7% alc.

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We farm our vines on a ridge on the northern West Sonoma Coast 4 miles from the chilly Pacific Ocean. A cool afternoon ocean wind, our placement in the coastal 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 51 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.