

PEAY VINEYARDS

2006 LA BRUMA ESTATE SYRAH, SONOMA COAST

TASTING NOTES

La Bruma ("the mist or fog") pays tribute to the role fog plays in producing our unique microclimate. The nose has medium to high intensity with red fruit and floral notes. Smoke, lavender and nicoise black olive tapenade aromas intermingle with cinnamon and other brown spices around a black raspberry core. On the palate *La Bruma* is powerful and smooth with fine silky tannins. Aromas of boar sausage, cured meat and guava build in the mid-palate. The finish is very long with lingering notes of mocha and marionberries. The 2006 *La Bruma* has more depth and is less peppery than the superb 2005. *La Bruma* will provide much enjoyment on release if you pop the cork and drink straight away. But this is a wine that will engage all of your senses with 5 years or more in bottle. It has the structure, the depth of fruit and the breed to be a superior wine.

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 unfinned and unfiltered

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

WHAT OTHER PEOPLE THINK

TANZER: 2006 PEAY VINEYARDS ESTATE SYRAH LA BRUMA 94 POINTS Vivid ruby. Seductively perfumed bouquet of fresh raspberry, black olive, Asian spices and minerals. Sweet red berry flavors stain the palate and are framed by silky tannins that are quickly absorbed by the fruit. There's a pinot-like tension and focus to this wine that's really intriguing. The very clean finish features excellent precision and cut. This is Cote-Rotie to *La Bruma's* Hermitage.

WINE & SPIRITS: 2006 PEAY VINEYARDS ESTATE SYRAH LA BRUMA 95 POINTS
The fog at Peay's far-coast vineyard seems to invest syrah with meaty peppercorn spice, the element in this wine that powers the red fruit with a nearly electric buzz. The color translates the fog into a vibrant, rosy edge: the tannins take it to mean minerals, as if picking up on the same soil character that pinot noir might translate into wine. *La Bruma* continues to grow more distinctive and elegant with each vintage.

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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.