

PEAY VINEYARDS

2008 POMARIUM ESTATE PINOT NOIR, SONOMA COAST

TASTING NOTES

The name Pomarium (po-mare-ee-um, apple orchard in Latin) harkens to the early 20th century when our hill was planted to Bartlett pears and Gravenstein apples for dried fruit production to feed San Francisco.

The terroir expression due to the vintage trumps clonal style as the 2008 Pomarium is deeper, earthier and more masculine than previous vintages. The complexity gained from very low yields is immediately evident. The nose shows chunky red fruits from the Dijon clones with cedar and bing cherry notes revealing themselves as the wine opens. The tannins are soft but present and provide a framework for the evolving aromas of cranberry, tea, earth, hickory smoke and mushroom. The finish is very long. The 2008 Pomarium has excellent breed and quality. Decant for at least 30 minutes for the fruit aromas to lift and age for 2-3 years for bottle bouquet to develop.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Clones:	Dijon clones 667, 777, 115, and a Calera selection
Harvest dates:	September 24 th – October 2 nd
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:	38% new François Frères, Ermitage, Damy, Remond, and Cadus French oak barriques for 11 months
Production:	585 cases

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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.