

# Peay Vineyards

2009 *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. All of our 2009 wines are fairly open in their youth and show the fruit, exuberance and promise of a knobby kneed, loose elbowed, teenager. The 2009 *La Bruma Estate* Syrah hints that this teenager will evolve into a mature, complex lad who will turn heads and demand attention. The aromas in the nose include huckleberry, orange, plum and acai berry. *La Bruma* is always the more floral syrah and shows the classic hi-toned lilac and antique rose scents. Underlying the top fruit and floral notes lie spiced beef, blood, caramel and spicy cinnamon and licorice notes. The mouth is not as exuberant as the nose and emphasizes flavors of blood, lead and flint like a good steak tartare. It is medium bodied with a sharp and focused attack that carries all the way to the back of the palate finishing with great length and crisp acidity.

Clones:	Estrella (35%), 470 (15%), a suitcase selection that we call P <sup>2</sup> (28%) and 174 (22%).
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:	25% new Cadus, Damy and François Frères French oak barrels for 15 months
Alcohol:	13.4%
Production:	300 cases

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We farm our vines on a ridge on the northern 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 started 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.