

PEAY VINEYARDS

2009 *ESTATE* CHARDONNAY, SONOMA COAST

525 CASES

We drink a lot of Chardonnay. In our mind, great Chardonnay has a quality we call intensity. It is that bright beam of flavor in the mid-palate that cuts through food and bodes well for a long life for that wine. In most vintages, the *Estate* Chardonnay has a mineral and citrus character that makes our Chardonnay unique among the vast sea of Chardonnays available. The 2009 *Estate* Chardonnay combines that character with the intensity we seek. The nose shows youthful pear and lemon/vanilla custard notes. With time the robustness of flavors will become part of the vibrant and powerful wet slate, citrus and lead pencil flavored mid-palate. The finish is brisk and persistent with superb acidity and cut. The *Estate* Chardonnay will provide pleasure now especially if you prefer power and richness but will age for at least 10 years hitting its peak perhaps in 7-8 years.

2009 *SCALLOP SHELF ESTATE* PINOT NOIR, SONOMA COAST

850 CASES

The nose on the 2009 *Scallop Shelf Estate* Pinot noir opens with a bright, hi-toned bouquet resplendent with floral and light red fruit aromas. As the wine opens up, underneath the initial impression is a deeper core of Rainier cherries and brass notes framed by intoxicating brown spices. The 2009 offers the black tea, orange rind, jasmine, cranberry and lingonberry notes found in previous vintages of the *Scallop Shelf*. It is a little more delicate and light on its feet than the 2008 or 2006 with a superb balance of tannins, acidity and fruit and has an ethereal quality – volume without heaviness in the mid-palate – that further beguiles and is quite persistent on the finish. Undoubtedly, a feminine expression of Pinot noir; elegant, floral, balanced and subtle.

2009 *AMA ESTATE* PINOT NOIR, SONOMA COAST

650 CASES

In 2009 *Ama Estate* Pinot noir has emerged as a complete, unique expression of Pinot noir from our vineyard. The nose is quite seductive with dark, brandied cherry notes framed by brown spices including cinnamon, nutmeg and clove. These are not simply overt oak influenced notes but part of the spiciness of the clones that make up this cuveé. The fruit aromas on the palate are held together by brass and dried blood flavors and a lead or graphite (mineral) quality that gives the wine ballast. The mid-palate texture is broad and silky with excellent power and concentration brought into focus by notable acidity on the finish. As it is our inaugural vintage we wanted to be sure to price this wine so you would be willing to give it a try; we by no means, however, are sure it is inferior to our other estate cuveés.

2009 *LA BRUMA ESTATE* SYRAH, SONOMA COAST

300 CASES

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.