

PEAY VINEYARDS

2012 *LA BRUMA ESTATE* SYRAH, SONOMA COAST

The 2012 vintage was cold but unlike the previous two vintages it did not rain cats and dogs in October. As a result our Syrah was able to develop more depth and distinction. The classic cold climate white pepper character is evident, as always, but in *La Bruma* is a little less pronounced allowing the floral and feminine qualities to come to the fore. The wine's profile is more akin to the 2009 and 2006 *La Bruma*.

On the nose the lavender and paprika notes frame the blueberry and blackberry fruit. On the palate a roasted and cured meat character mingles with saffron and iron notes. Silky tannins and a bright acidity provide structure and suggest the ability to age this wine. We recommend holding *La Bruma* until 2022 and enjoying over time as the core relaxes and the cuvée's identity reveals itself.

Clones:	Estrella (35%), 470 (15%), a suitcase selection that we call P ² (28%) and 174 (22%).
Processing:	Blocks were picked separately during the first week of November and 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:	20% new Cadus, Damy and François Frères French oak barrels for 15 months
Alcohol:	13.0%
Production:	225 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.