

# Peay Vineyards

- With one exception, **all Peay wines are estate**, made from grapes grown on our, cold, windy and foggy 51-acre hilltop vineyard located above a river in the far northwestern corner of the **West Sonoma Coast**, 3 miles from the Pacific Ocean at Sea Ranch. We were the first to plant here as it was deemed too cold and inhospitable for grape growing; not an incorrect assessment, at times. Daytime temperatures rarely exceed the 60s during the growing season.
- We grow:
  - 34 acres of Pinot noir (4 Pinots: *Scallop Shelf, Pomarium, Ama, Sonoma Coast*). We also make a *Savoy* Pinot noir from the Anderson Valley,
  - 8 acres of Syrah (2 Syrah: *Les Titans, La Bruma*),
  - 7 acres of Chardonnay (2 Chardonnay: *Estate, Sonoma Coast*),
  - 1.8 acres of Viognier (*Estate*),
  - 0.4 acres of Roussanne and 0.2 acres of Marsanne (*Estate blend*).
- Peay Vineyards is a **first-generation family winery** started in 1996. Husband and wife, Nick Peay & Vanessa Wong, grow and make the wine and brother, Andy Peay, sells the wine.
- **Winemaker Vanessa Wong** left her position as winemaker at **Peter Michael Winery** in 2001 to launch Peay Vineyards. Formerly, she worked at **Château Lafite-Rothschild, Domaine Michel Gros**, and **Hirsch Winery**. Nick, a UC Davis-trained and veteran Santa Cruz mountains winemaker, is the vineyard manager and works side-by-side with our **full-time crew of 8 vineyard workers**.
- Our vineyard is **certified organic** and we maintain our certifications for fish-friendly farming and integrated pest management. The health of our vineyard dictates these approaches to farming and making wine. We also run on bio-diesel at the vineyard and solar power at both the vineyard and winery.
- The vineyard and winery are **not a family heritage**. We bought an old apple orchard and sheep ranch in 1996, planted the first 30 acres in 1998, and have dedicated our lives to learning how to make superior wines from it.
- We have been fortunate to receive many accolades since starting the vineyard 20 years ago, including:
  - 2009 Winery of the Year by the *San Francisco Chronicle*;
  - Top 100 Wines in the World for 8 of the past 9 years from *Wines & Spirits Magazine*;
  - Singled out by Eric Asimov in the *New York Times* and Jay McInerney of the *Wall Street Journal* for producing “excellent wines of rare intensity and precision;”
  - Selected as a “wine to try before you die” by Matt Kramer from the *Wine Spectator*;
  - And the wines taste good, too.