



## TECHNICAL NOTES 2008-2007 VINTAGE

Stephan treads lightly when comparing the 2007 vintage to the 2006 vintage at L'Aventure. The 2007 vintage has the characteristics of a "split vintage" (a vintage that had an early and late harvest split by turn of cool weather) mixing the forward fruit of an earlier harvest with the structure fruit that was able to stay on the vine and mature longer.

### L' AVENTURE ESTATE ROUSSANNE 2008 | RELEASED SPRING 2009 | **SOLD OUT**

85% Roussanne and 15% Viognier  
100% Estate grown fruit from L'Aventure Vineyard  
Very low yield: 2 tons per acre for this vintage  
Fermentation in barrels with 30% new French oak and 70% 1-year-old French oak  
No malolactic fermentation  
Length of aging: 8 months  
Drink: 1- 6 years

### L' AVENTURE ESTATE OPTIMUS 2007 | RELEASED SPRING 2009 | AVAILABLE IN MAGNUMS | **SOLD OUT**

45% Syrah, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon and 15 % Petit Verdot  
60% Estate grown fruit from L'Aventure Vineyard and 40% from Paso Robles west side vineyards  
Very low yield: 2 to 2.5 tons per acre  
90% new French oak and 10% 1-year-old French oak with malolactic fermentation in barrel  
Fining, no filtering  
Length of aging: 14 months  
Drink: 2-13 years

### L' AVENTURE ESTATE CUVÉE 2007 | RELEASED SPRING 2009 | AVAILABLE IN MAGNUMS | **SOLD OUT**

49% Syrah, 27% Cabernet Sauvignon and 14% Petit Verdot  
100% Estate grown fruit from L'Aventure Vineyard  
Very low yield: 1.5 to 2 tons per acre (with 2100 vines per acre)  
100% new French oak with malolactic fermentation in barrel  
No fining, no filtering  
Length of aging: 15 months  
Drink: 15+ years

### L' AVENTURE CÔTE À CÔTE 2007 | RELEASED SPRING 2009 | AVAILABLE IN MAGNUMS | **SOLD OUT**

40% Mourvedre, 40% Grenache and 20% Syrah  
100% Estate grown fruit from L'Aventure Vineyard  
Very, very low yield. 1 ton per acre for Mourvedre, 2 tons per acre for Grenache and Syrah (with 2100 vines per acre)  
40% new French oak, 60% 1-year-old French oak with malolactic fermentation in barrels  
No fining, no filtering  
Length of aging: 14 months  
Drink: 15+ years

L' AVENTURE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2007 | RELEASED FALL 2009 | WINE CLUB ONLY | SOLD OUT

95% Cabernet Sauvignon estate and 5% Petit Verdot estate

100% Estate grown fruit from L' Aventure Vineyard

Very low yield. 1.5 to 2 tons per acre (with 2100 vines per acre)

100% new French oak with malolactic fermentation in barrel

Length of aging: 15 months

Drink: 15+ years