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