

# TECHNICAL NOTES 2008 WHITES - 2007 REDS

"2008, somewhat like 2007 and 2006, produced very good quality from a "split vintage". A very warm start, followed by a long, cool finish to the growing season, gave us wines that are lush, wound well around a tight core, and finish with great length." - Stephan Asseo

#### ESTATE ROUSSANNE 2008

BOTTLED MARCH 2009 - WINE CLUB EXCLUSIVE

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

#### **OPTIMUS 2007**

BOTTLED MARCH 2009

45% Syrah, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 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 No fining, no filtering Length of aging: 14 months Drink: 2-13 years

### ESTATE CUVÉE 2007

BOTTLED MARCH 2009

49% Syrah, 27% Cabernet Sauvignon, 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

### CÔTE A CÔTE 2007

BOTTLED MARCH 2009

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

## **CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2007**

BOTTLED MARCH 2009 - WINE CLUB EXCLUSIVE

95% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Estate 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