

# TECHNICAL NOTES 2009 WHITES - 2008 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 ROSÉ 2009

BOTTLED JANUARY 2010

38% Syrah, 25% Mourvèdre, 20% Grenache, 17% Cabernet Sauvignon
100% Estate grown fruit from L'Aventure Vineyard
Very long and cool (15 C) alcoholic fermentation
No skin contact
No malolactic fermentation
No barrel fermentation, 100% tank fermentation
Drink: 1-2 years

#### **ESTATE ROUSSANNE 2009**

BOTTLED MARCH 2010 - WINE CLUB EXCLUSIVE

85% Roussanne and 15% Viognier 100% Estate grown fruit from L'Aventure Vineyard Very low yield: .5 ton 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 2008

BOTTLED MARCH 2010

48% Cabernet Sauvignon, 28% Syrah, 24% Petit Verdot
100% Estate grown fruit from L'Aventure Vineyard
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 2008

BOTTLED MARCH 2010

50% Syrah, 36% 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 2008

BOTTLED MARCH 2010

40% Grenache, 40% Syrah, 20% Mourvèdre
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

#### LE GRAND VERDOT 2008

BOTTLED MARCH 2010 - WINE CLUB EXCLUSIVE

60% Petit Verdot, 28% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Syrah
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: 14 months
Drink: 15+ years