

2008 PETITE SIRAH



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pH:	3.95
Residual Sugar:	< 0.1 g/L
Cooperage:	20 Months New Oak (French & American)
Cases produced:	740 cases (750 ml bottles)
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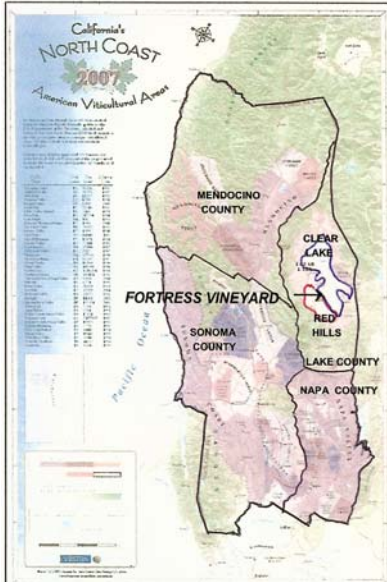


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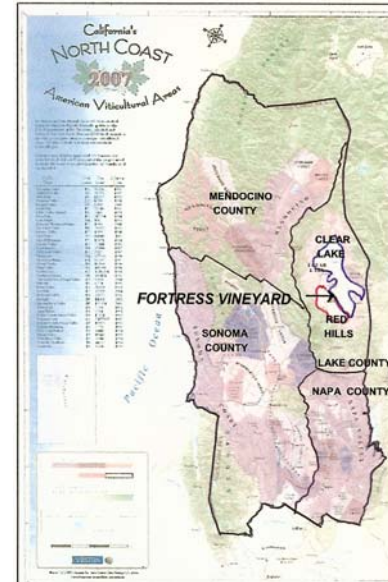


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