



Wine Tasting Report

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Over on the Sonoma side of the Mayacamas Mountains, Colombia-born winemaker Bibiana Gonzalez Rave has mastered pinot noir, chardonnay and several other varietal wine types under three brands. Her Cattleya line is crowded with outstanding new offerings like the Cattleya Pinot Noir West Sonoma Coast The Goddess 2022, a charming but super-concentrated and fresh-tasting wine. Her Cattleya Chardonnay Russian River Valley The Temptress 2022 is equally excellent in a lush, creamy style.



2022 CATTLEYA
THE TEMPTRESS
Russian River Chardonnay

So lush, broad and luxurious, with a creamy texture, poached pear, flavors, and a long, lingering finish. It's dry and balanced with vivid acidity, but has the plush volume associated with Russian River fruit. With grapes from the Martinelli vineyard, the small-production wine shows great intensity, depth, and ageability. Drinkable now, but best from 2028.

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2023 CATTLEYA
CHARDONNAY
Sonoma Coast

Lavish, but somehow subtle, the wine is full and generous, while tight mineral and citrus components, knitted together nicely. Crochet and crème brûlée, aromas, with stony, tangy, lemon zest and apple skin flavors. So vibrant, fresh and linear. Drink or hold.

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2022 CATTLEYA
BEYOND THE THRESHOLD
Sonoma Coast Chardonnay

An impressively, structured, tensile and lively wine that laced with minerals, citrus acid, and even a touch of tan. Bake spices, vanilla, bean, citrus, zest, and lemon meringue linger on the palate. Full-bodied and tangy with acidity, yet it has good breadth and depth of flavor and the lingering finish. Drink or hold.

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2023 CATTLEYA
PINOT NOIR
Sonoma Coast

Rich and deep, black and blue fruit, so concentrated, dents and mouth coding. Shows how the 2023 Pinos should be.

Black cherries, blueberries, raspberry tart, and black currants on moderate tins with lively, vivid acidity. Full body ball, with great length and intensity, drink, or hold.

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2022 CATTLEYA
BELLY OF THE WHALE
Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir

This gutsy, muscular wine comes from the low-yielding, rocky soil of Sunchase Vineyard in the Petaluma gap district. Vivid, almost tart fruit like blackcurrants, and black cherries meld with minerals and a touch of pepper wrapped in bracing tannins and backed by good acidity. Very fresh, linear and built for aging. Drinkable, but best from 2028.

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2023 CATTLEYA
PINOT NOIR
Russian River Sonoma County

Wow, so broad, ripe and creamy, with all the roundness and volume of Russian River grapes and incredible length in the finish. This comes with good acidity and bone-dry balance adding freshness and drive. Blueberries, sweet cherries, candied plums and so much more. Full body.
Drink or hold.

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2022 CATTLEYA
THE GODDESS
Sonoma County West Sonoma Coast

Very pretty and charming yet super concentrated and deep. So dark and rich and black cherries, sour cherries, spearmint, cinnamon and cloves. Full-bodied and snugly tannin, with a mouthfeel that's both broad and linear. Freshest acidity keeps it lively. Made from Paul Hobbs gold rock Vineyard, it's stunning.
Drinkable, but best from 2028.

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2022 CATTLEYA
THE INITIATION
Santa Lucia Highlands Syrah

A deep color. Potent black fruit and dark spices with a tight texture and full-on fine-grained tannins. Blackberries, star anise, black pepper, graphite and ultra-dark chocolate flavors with meaty accents. The structure is strong and age-worthy. This rare wine comes from the Soberanes Vineyard, where only three acres are in Syrah, planted with Alban clone 1. Drinkable now, but best from 2029.

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2022 CATTLEYA
THE REWARD
Santa Lucia Highlands Syrah

Only 25 cases of this wine were made, and it shows unique power, grace, and depth. Aged in a new French barrel with staves for five years. It has all the tannin and body of a big

Syrah, but with so much plush, indulgent and ripe fruit flavors that it balances beautifully. Blackberry, grilled plum, charred beef and black pepper nuances go deep on the pallet and long in the finish. Bottled only in magnum. Drinkable now, but best From 2029.

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