



Sonoma's Dual Expression Across Two Remarkable Years

Sonoma County

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Every vintage tells its own story, and in Sonoma County, the tale of 2022 and 2023 reads like a study in opposites. Tasting through hundreds of wines from these back-to-back years, the contrasts are striking...one vintage urgent and compressed, the other patient and measured. Each demanded something different from the hands that guided it, and both rewarded those who listened closely to what the vines were saying.

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2023 CATTLEYA
CHARDONNAY
Sonoma Coast

The 2023 Cattleya Chardonnay from the Sonoma Coast spent 9 months in 60% new French oak, giving the wine richness and body. Aromas of grilled peach, golden apple, and Meyer lemon are laced with hints of vanilla cream and toasted hazelnut. The palate is smooth and rounded, carrying flavors of ripe mango, citrus curd, and a touch of caramelized pear, all brightened by a thread of salinity. Subtle notes of orange peel and chamomile linger on the finish. About 250 cases made.

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2023 CATTLEYA
BEYOND THE THRESHOLD
Sonoma Coast Chardonnay

The 2023 Cattleya Beyond the Threshold Chardonnay from the Sonoma Coast was raised for 17 months in 75% new French oak, resulting in a wine of both elegance and power. Its pale golden color hints at refinement, while the nose unfolds with aromas of jasmine, chamomile, and acacia layered over ripe nectarine, Meyer lemon, and apricot. Subtle tones of white tea, hazelnuts, and honey-coated pear weave through, adding texture and dimension. On the palate, it is concentrated yet balanced, with citrus oil, peach skin, and baked pear carried by vibrant acidity that sharpens the edges of its richness. The finish is long and energetic, marked by both mineral drive and lingering spice. 64 cases made.

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2023 CATTLEYA
PINOT NOIR
Sonoma Coast

The 2023 Cattleya Pinot Noir from the Sonoma Coast was matured for 9 months in 60% new French oak, creating a wine with both richness and structure. Aromas of black plum, boysenberry, and dark cherry are layered with fennel seed, cola spice, and subtle cedar. On the palate, it is broad and fruit-driven, delivering flavors of blueberry compote and huckleberry, balanced by hints of forest herbs and sandalwood. The texture is plush, yet acidity threads through to keep the wine lifted, leading into a finish that lingers with fruit and spice. 325 cases produced.

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2023 CATTLEYA
BELLY OF THE WHALE
Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir

The 2023 Cattleya Belly of the Whale Pinot Noir from the Sonoma Coast was raised for 16 months in 80% new French oak. Aromatically, it bursts with layers of black raspberry, boysenberry compote, and macerated black cherry, intertwined with hints of licorice root, toasted fennel seed, and warm forest herbs. The palate is plush and concentrated, showing flavors of blackberry coulis and spiced plum, underscored by earthy tones and oak. Despite its richness, there is a current of freshness that keeps the wine lifted, while polished tannins and vibrant acidity complete the wine. 112 cases were made.

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2023 CATTLEYA
THE GODDESS
West Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir

The 2023 Cattleya The Goddess Pinot Noir from the Sonoma Coast spent 16 months maturing in 80% new French oak, which imparts both structure and luxurious polish. In the glass, it unfurls with layers of ripe black cherry, black plum, and mountain boysenberry, accented by lavender, crushed herbs, and a streak of star anise. Hints of clove and roasted cacao weave through the bouquet, complementing the wine's depth. On the palate, it is opulent yet finely tuned, carrying concentrated fruit alongside oak-derived notes of toasted vanilla and baking spice. Silky tannins frame the core, while vibrant acidity ensures precision and lift, drawing out an expansive, lingering finish. This Pinot Noir is bold and captivating, crafted for those who appreciate power harnessed with elegance. This would pair beautifully with duck breast glazed in cherry gastrique alongside roasted root vegetables. 117 cases made. Highly recommended.

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