



2024
ALMA DE CATTLEYA
CHARDONNAY

Retail \$30. Very Responsible Bottle (492g; 17.3oz). I have been reviewing the Alma de Cattleya wines for a while now, and they are always some of my favorite wines of the year. That “tradition” continues with this tasty Chardonnay. Brilliant straw in the glass, with plenty of ripe Fuji apple, a tropical vein (guava), hints of beeswax, and even a touch of buttered popcorn. The palate is rich, even really rich, and layered with plenty of juicy fruit, a lovely tartness, and a finish that lasts longer than tribal council. This has been on my list of must visits for a while now and it remains near the top.

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2023
ALMA DE CATTLEYA
CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Retail \$60. Responsible Bottle (475g; 16.7oz). Under DIAM5. 100% Cabernet Sauvignon. Sixty bucks for a Napa Cab? Giddy-up! This is now the third vintage of this wine that I have sampled, and the second consecutive. Rather dark in color, but still with a predominant crimson, the nose exhibits plenty of blue and black fruit, with blueberry, blackberry, and plum at the fore. There is also a touch of spice, a subtle herbal note (sweet basil), and plenty of verve. Yowza. The palate is ripe, but also tart, with the two battling for supremacy from the get-go. Behind the tête-à-tête, there is some lovely spice as well as a bit of earth, and plenty of intrigue. Of the three vintages I have tried? This is clearly the winner. And a Napa Cab for sixty bucks? Yeah, I am in. The DIAM stopper used suggests that this should be consumed in the short-term (within five years), but I would contend that this will remain solid, if not stellar, for another decade.

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