



**Bibiana González Rave** is the consulting winemaker for **Pahlmeyer** and **Wayfarer**, making highly regarded and exquisite Chardonnay and Pinot Noir from the Sonoma Coast. A native of Colombia, she first considered making wine as a 14-year-old and later attempted to make some in a 5-gallon glass jar in her bedroom closet. That experiment failed, yet she was determined to pursue winemaking. She moved to France at a young age to attend school earning two degrees: one as a Technician of Viticulture and Oenology in Angoulême, and one in Oenology from the University of Bordeaux. She went on to work several harvests in France at some of the most prestigious properties including Bordeaux's **Château Haut-Brion**, the Northern Rhône's **Domaine Michel & Stéphane Ogier** and Burgundy's **Domaine Du Devevey** - where she made a big impression on some of France's most legendary vintners. In 2012 after working with several more esteemed houses around the globe, she decided utilize her experience to start her very own project in California, **Cattleya**, and another, **Shared Notes**, with her husband, **Jeff Pisoni** (yes, as in **Pisoni Family Vineyards** – the rock star Pinot Noir producer in the Santa Lucia Highlands). It wasn't too long after that she was named Winemaker of the Year by the San Francisco Chronicle, praising her exceptional work.

**Cattleya** is Bibiana's California expression of the wines she was making in **Burgundy** and the **Northern Rhône** while **Shared Notes**, she together with Pisoni only make Sauvignon Blanc, mirroring the **greatest Sauvignon Blancs produced in the Loire Valley and Bordeaux**. Ever been lucky enough to have a bottle of **Dagueneau**? Here is undeniably the next best thing... And arguably, **the two very best Sauvignon Blancs made in California**.

## Shared Notes, Les Pierres qui Décident, Sauvignon Blanc, Russian River Valley 2015.....\$66

The 'Les Pierres Qui Decident' (The Stones that Decide) is a homage to the great wines of the **Loire Valley**, where the rocks/stones decide the style and with a nod to the late, great **Didier Dagueneau**. 100% Sauvignon Blanc coming from two vineyards in the heart of Sonoma, this exquisite wine is both beautifully delicate and intense at the same time. Aged in barrel and on the lees, this has extremely fragrant aromas of white flowers, orange blossom, citrus oil, tomato leaf, and hints of briny ocean air. The palate is concentrated with energetic flavors of citrus fruit, kiwi, and green apple with hints of wet stone and penetrating minerality and freshness. An incredibly complex and serious wine, this is the best of the best. While this wine is **mind-blowing good** now, this can also cellar for well over a decade. **Only 93 cases produced.**



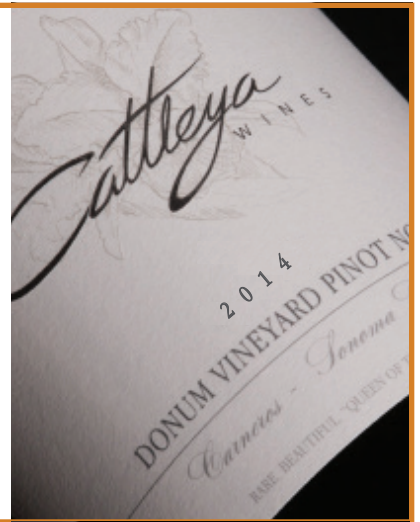
## Shared Notes, Les Leçons des Maîtres, White Wine, Russian River Valley 2015.....\$66

'Les Leçons des Maîtres' (Lessons of the Masters) is inspired by the cellar masters of Bordeaux and their dedication to the two white varietals they grow and blend there, Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon. Barrel fermented in small oak barriques and aged on the lees for eight months, this is a blend of 80% Sauvignon Blanc and 20% Semillon. The former gives the freshness of the aromatics and the latter gives the structure and dense, limestone-like texture that rounds out on the palate. Incredibly expressive aromas and flavors of guava, passionfruit, gooseberry, and nectarine are broadly stacked on a palate that is richly textured, yet mouth-watering. Another incredibly complex, exquisite, and if I must say, a **perfect wine. 101 cases produced.**



## **Cattleya, Donum Vineyard, Pinot Noir, Carneros 2014.....\$71**

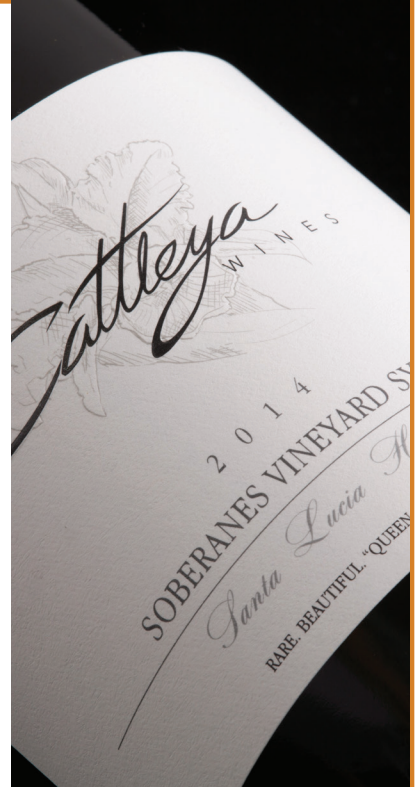
Coming from the famed Donum Vineyard in Carneros, Bibiana has made a gorgeously elegant, perfumed, and floral Pinot Noir with expressive aromas of violets, exotic spice, and peppery herbs, laid over earth-kissed flavors of black cherry, raspberry, and pomegranate with hints of game and oak on the finish. Structured and bold, yet amazingly balanced with the extensive complexity of ripe flavors, laser beam acidity, and polished tannins. It is no wonder why Bibiana has been so greatly praised when tasting a wine like this.



## **Cattleya, Soberanes Vineyard, Syrah, Santa Lucia Highlands 2014.....\$71**

My apologies in advance if you don't agree, but I have admitted in the past that I am not a big fan of California Syrahs. It's a personal opinion. Northern Rhone? Absolutely. Every once in a while however I begrudgingly taste a Syrah from California that ends up sweeping me off my feet and completely changing my mind. This is unquestionably one of them! A truly stunning wine and it appears I'm not the only one that agrees...

*"Possessing a touch of La Mouline-like violet and floral characteristics, the utterly sensational 2014 Syrah Soberanes Vineyard offers decadent notes of jammy blackberries, crème de cassis, vanilla bean, damp earth and pepper to go with a full-bodied, layered, beautifully pure and seamless style on the palate. It has a wealth of fruit, yet it also has a great mid-palate, building, chalky tannin and a terrific finish. This gorgeous effort has both richness and elegance, and will drink well for a decade or more. Pure class. Her 2014 Syrah Soberanes Vineyard is one of the finest Syrahs to ever come out of the appellation and readers need to break out the check book for these beauties!" ~Robert Parker, 97 Points*



**These are incredibly rare and tightly allocated.** Please email me back personally if you would like to add any of these spectacular wines to your collection. You will be most rewarded.