



Donum Vineyard 2012 Pinot Noir

PRODUCER

Cattleya Wines are the result of a deep and long love story between my soul and wine. I am Bibiana – born and raised in Colombia, trained as a winemaker in France and now growing roots in Sonoma County. All Cattleya wines are made with fruit sourced from beautiful sites, farmed by the greatest viticulturists and talented crews. My ultimate goal is to make wines with soul and character that are unique representatives of their terroir. My wine philosophy is simple: To produce unique wines of extreme purity, power and finesse.

Cattleya is my life's work.

VINEYARD NOTES

Located in the coolest area of the Carneros-Sonoma Coast AVA, this vineyard impresses by its history, the quality of the fruit produced and its importance in California Pinot Noir production.

Once part of the traditional Buena Vista Carneros vineyard, the Donum Estate was developed and planted in 1989-1990 under a different name. Anne Moller-Racke, viticulturist & vineyard manager was the driving force of the development and planting of the 45 acre Estate. Her passion for winegrowing and her deep knowledge of Pinot Noir in Carneros were essential reasons for me to approach her in 2012 to purchase fruit.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Roederer clone was harvested on October 6th, one week before the Calera Clone. Fruit was destemmed at 65%, leaving 35% of whole clusters. After a 5 day cold soaking, fermentation starts and punch downs were done daily throughout the maceration. The wine fermented on the skins for 18 days, then drained and barrel down for malolactic fermentation and aging. After 11 months in 50% new oak, the wine was bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

THE WINE NUMBERS

Alc: 14.2%

pH: 3.66

TA: 6.3 g/l

Production: 86 x 9 L cases

Packaging: 3 x 750 ml wooden box

WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES

Cristal scarlet-ruby with shades of carmine and cherry. The nose is subtle with fine notes of raspberries and violets with hints of fresh wild forest air. Few minutes inside the glass and the wine starts revealing its own complexity: black pepper, sage and mint flirting with strawberries, raspberries and cranberries. Aromas of French oak, mildly toasted with reminiscences of vanilla beans add to the richness themselves of the wine. The mouthfeel is focused and linear at first, developing with great power and elegant structure in the mid palate. This wine will surprise you from beginning to end changing at all times with oxygen integration and temperature changes.

Enjoy for at least 10 years from now, maybe longer