



2014 Cattleya Pinot Noir Cuvée Number One

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 Columbia, 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

This special vineyard in Green Valley is called the Lakeview Vineyard. It is owned by the Maverick family and farmed by Jim Pratt. There are several clones of Pinot Noir, and there are specific reasons why I chose to work with Pommard and 115. Each of them have their own DNA and different sensory characteristics. I love Pommard to bring much texture and mouth feel to a Pinot Noir blend. The 115 provides a seductive aromatic profile, generally intense in floral notes, violet, spices and pure wild raspberries. These flavors offer a soft structure that coats the palate, but it remains the site that introduces the complexity factor, the finesse, and the ageability.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Clone 115 Dijon was harvested on August 25, and Pommard selection on August 27, 2015. Fruit was destemmed at 100% for the Dijon clone, while we left 8% on the Pommard. After a 10day cold soak, fermentation began and punch downs were done daily throughout maceration. The wine fermented on the skins for 18 days, then was drained and barrelled down for malolactic fermentation and aging. In 2014, each clone was fermented and aged in separate French oak barrels for 11 months of aging in the cellar. The wines are showing generous texture with soft tannins and a full bouquet of flavors. The wine was bottled in January 2016.

THE WINE NUMBERS

Alc 14.43%

pH 3.58

TA 6.7 g/l

Production: 181 x 9 L cases

WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES

Dark reddish purple color in the glass. Intoxicating aromas of black cherry, cassis and bark. Exceptionally refined in the mouth with a velvety texture, featuring mid-weight flavors of black raspberry, blackberry and plum. Impeccable balance with involved but not intrusive fine-grain tannins and an intensely endowed finish. A gregarious and toothsome wine that is meant to please.

--Rusty Gafney, PinotFile Report

