



Donum Vineyard 2014 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.

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 initially approach her in 2012 to purchase fruit.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Roederer clone was harvested on September 28, 2014. Fruit was destemmed at 75%, leaving 25% whole clusters. After a 5 day cold soaking, 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. After 11 months in 50% new oak, the wine was bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

THE WINE NUMBERS

Alc: 14.2%

pH: 3.7

TA: 6.6 g/l

Production: 60 x 9 L cases

Packaging: 6 x 750 ml wooden box

CRITICS TASTING NOTES

The 2014 Pinot Noir Donum Vineyard is a gorgeously elegant, perfumed and floral Pinot Noir that sports a vibrant, translucent purple color as well as medium-bodied richness, a silky, lively texture, integrated acidity and terrific complexity in its violets, exotic spice, peppery herbs and black cherry/framboise aromas and flavors. From a cooler site that's closer to the bay in Sonoma County, it was a small portion of whole clusters during fermentation and was aged in three French oak barrels. Drink this elegant and impeccably balanced Pinot Noir anytime over the coming decade or more

