



2015 Chardonnay Russian River Valley Cattleya Wines



PRODUCER

Cattleya Wines are the result of a long and deep 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

Beyond the unquestionable allure and beauty of Sonoma County lies the amazing number of microclimates, soil conditions, and distinct geographies conducive to growing and making wonderful wines. This amazing diversity has resulted in over 16 designated wine regions in this county alone, one being the Russian River Valley AVA.

For the 2015 Russian River Valley Chardonnay, a blend of three distinctive clones of Chardonnay (Old Wente Davis selections, Clone 4, and Clone 78) was sourced from small blocks of vineyards located in the heart of the Santa Rosa Plain. The farming is handled by meticulous hands and all practices which apply to single vineyards are taken into account. We work with growers who still do all their work by hand.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Each small lot was harvested at night at a perfect balance between brix and acidity. The fruit was delivered by dawn and all lots were pressed gently on a small bladder press. Free-run juice is separated by taste, then settled overnight in stainless steel tanks and barreled down for fermentation in French Oak barrels. After alcoholic fermentation, the wines undergo full malolactic fermentation, followed by a very low sulfur addition.

Wine was aged in 85% neutral French Oak over 11 months of elevage. This wine was not fined or filtered in order to bring the purest and more intense aromatic profile and texture to your tasting experience. Enjoy for the next five to seven years; cellar longer if you can wait.

THE WINE NUMBERS

Alc: 14.77%

pH: 3.45

TA: 6.6 g/l

Production: 200 x 9 L cases

CRITICS TASTING NOTES

The Russian River Chardonnay blend is full of citrus and honeysuckle notes; aromas of lemon tart, orange zest, mandarin, honeydew, with subtle aromas of white flowers. There is a great texture and acidity balancing the mouth-feel with all the previous aromas dancing on your palate. Long finish with lingering aromas of fresh flowers, brioche, pears, and citrus prolonging the great impression this wine brings when just the nose is perceived by the taster.

