



2016 Pinot Noir Cuvée Number One 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

Cuvée Number One is a blend of two clones grown in the same vineyard. This vineyard is located in the Green Valley AVA, a small and very distinctive area inside the Russian River Valley AVA. I selected two clones from this vineyard as we developed our program for the Russian River AVA blend: 115 Dijon and Pommard. I love the way Pommard brings texture and mouth feel to a Pinot Noir blend while 115 enhance the intensity of the spicy and fruity aspect of the varietal. The vineyard is cane pruned with vertical shoot positioning, limited crop per vine, and a tremendous emphasis on optimal canopy management.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Each clone was fermented in its own small, stainless steel, open-top fermenter. Both clones were harvested on September 2nd 2016. There was a 5% whole cluster maceration inclusion on our Pommard fermenter. Fruit was destemmed at 100% for our Dijon 115 clone. After a 10-day cold soak, fermentation began; punch-downs were done daily throughout maceration. The wine fermented on the skins for 22 days, then was drained and barreled down for malolactic fermentation and aging. In 2016, each clone was aged in separate French oak barrels for 11 months. The wines are showing generous texture with soft tannins and a full bouquet of flavors. The final blend was 65% Pommard and 35% Dijon 115 with 20% of new oak. We bottled on August 17th, 2017.

THE WINE NUMBERS

pH: 3.52
TA: 5.9 g/l
Alc: 14.2%
Production: 110 cases

TASTING NOTES

This wine possesses a beautiful ruby color with incredible depth. The nose is intense, pure and focus, with notes of freshly-picked red fruits. Raspberries, strawberries and blackberries are the core of the nose, with hints of vanilla and roasted oak from our selective toasted French barrels. The palate is sophisticated and precise with soft tannins, a great mid-palate and long finish. The concentration of this wine is perceptible from beginning to end.

