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Producer commentary

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Cattleya 2011 Syrah
Soberanes Vineyard
Santa Lucia Highlands, Central Coast, USA

90 pts

Release Price
\$70.00

Importer
Tel. 831.595.0208
RaveVinesAndWines.com

Producer
Cattleya

Dark cherries, plums, menthol and licorice all jump from the glass in the 2011 Syrah Soberanes Vineyard. An unusually generous, juicy wine for the year, the 2011 wraps around the palate with tons of richness and depth. This is a great first effort from Cattleya.

Drinking window: 2013 - 2018

- Antonio Galloni, July 2013

Cattleya 2012 Syrah
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(91-93) pts

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A direct, bold wine, the 2012 Syrah Soberanes Vineyard bursts from the glass with juicy dark cherries, leather, licorice, menthol and tar. Savory notes of tobacco, herbs and graphite emerge later, conveying a deep sense of varietal expression. I very much like the voluptuousness and purity of the fruit. There is a lot to look forward to here. The 2012 is a step up from the 2011 and points to a bright, bright future. Winemaker Bibiana Gonzalez Rave made the 2012 with 45% whole clusters.

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Cattleya 2012 Pinot Noir Donum Estate Carneros, Central Coast, USA

(91-93) pts

Release Price
\$85.00

Importer
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Producer
Cattleya

The 2010 Pinot Noir Donum Estate is beautifully focused, bright and pure. Freshly cut flowers, sweet red berries and mint all burst from the glass in a gorgeous, beautifully delineated wine full of personality. The use of 35% whole clusters adds a highly attractive upper register, especially on the finish. Slightly wild notes appear over time, but this is nevertheless a hugely promising wine. It will be interesting to see the direction the Donum Estate takes over the next few years.

Drinking window: 2014 - 2020

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Cattleya 2012 Chardonnay Pratt's Vineyard Russian River Valley, Sonoma, USA

(90-92) pts

Release Price
\$55.00

Importer
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Producer
Cattleya

The 2012 Chardonnay Pratt's Vineyard is rich, round and inviting. Butter, tropical fruit, smoke, apricots and orange blossoms all emerge from a voluptuous, sexy Chardonnay that is pure Russian River in terms of its character and personality. I tasted the 2012 from barrel. Bottling is scheduled for January 2014. Drinking window: 2014 - 2018

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