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Cattleya Wine Reviews. By Antonio Galloni.

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This is a gorgeous set of new releases from Bibiana González Rave's Cattleya label. One of the most talented and inspired winemakers of her generation, González Rave also makes the wines at Pahlmeyer and Wayfarer, as well as at Shared Notes, the projects she runs with husband Jeff Pisoni.

Cattleya Wines 2016 Soberanes Vineyard Syrah

The highlight in this range, the 2016 Pinot Noir Soberanes Vineyard exudes class. Inky and deep, yet also light on its feet, the 2016 offers up a compelling interplay of unctuous inky fruit, game, smoke, licorice, lavender, tobacco and melted road tar. This juicy, inviting Syrah is already delicious, but a bit more time in bottle should bring out greater complexity.

**94
points**

Cattleya Wines 2016 Cuvée Number One Pinot Noir

The 2016 Pinot Noir Cuvée Number One is sourced from Lakeview Vineyard in the Green Valley district of the Russian River Valley. Plump, juicy and forward, the 2016 is a terrific choice for drinking now and over the next few years. Succulent red cherry and blueberry gives the wine plenty of near and medium-term appeal, while expressive floral, cola and spice nuances add perfume.

**93
points**

Cattleya Wines 2016 Donum Vineyard Pinot Noir

The 2016 Pinot Noir Donum Vineyard is laced with pretty red cherry, chalk, white pepper and floral notes. Bright and nicely lifted, this gracious Pinot will drink well for at least a handful of years. Next to the Cuvée Number One, the Donum is a bit brighter and more linear in feel.

**92
points**

Cattleya Wines 2016 Pratt Vineyard Chardonnay

The 2016 Chardonnay Pratt Vineyard is a pretty, open-knit wine. Dried apricot, chamomile, almond, dried flowers and a kiss of French oak are nicely pushed forward in this attractive, soft Chardonnay.

**90
points**
