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Cattleya Wines Reviews

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CATTLEYA WINES 2018 CALL TO ADVENTURE CHARDONNAY

Much like Cattleya's Cuvée Number Five Chardonnay of the same year, this very solidly structured wine is one about promise more than its instantaneous appeal, yet, given a chance to bloom in the glass, it gradually reveals a riveting sense of depth and goes well beyond defined fruit which it also has in abundance. It may seem a bit delicate at first, and it is a little tight-fisted just now, but its impressions of nascent richness are a little less nascent with each sniff and sip. Still, this is wine that should arguably be avoided by thirsty Chardonnay drinkers in search of immediate gratification, and patience is a virtue not to be ignored. We strongly urge that it be allowed to rest for a few years lest its tremendous potential goes unrealized and would not be at all surprised if it continues to fascinate upon reaching its tenth anniversary.

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CATTLEYA WINES 2018 CUVÉE NUMBER FIVE CHARDONNAY

If a touch less dramatic than its 2017 predecessor, this tight, still-nascent wine drips with potential from its fresh, rich aromas of crisp apples to its nutty, almost toasty/buttery overlays that will support the wine as it grows into its majority. It is balanced and snappy on the palate, and its lively acidity will remain a significant partner over time and ensures that the wine will have plenty of life left with three to five years in bottle.

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