



## THE REWARD

2021 CATTLEYA SYRAH



*“A treasure trove abundant with flavor and finesse.”*

### THE VINEYARD SITE

Known and recognized as a Grand Cru site for Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, the Pisoni Vineyard is the land hosting Bibiana González’s suitcase clone planted in 2015. This is Cattleya’s own selection massale. The vines are tended to with care and respect by vineyard manager Mark Pisoni. Influenced by cool mornings, long hours of fog and rugged soil, the vines slowly ripen the fruit on granite soils.

### THE CRAFT

Hand-harvested from a select few rows within the Pisoni Vineyard on October 4th, this Syrah was received at the winery early in the morning hours, where our crew hand-sorted each cluster, ensuring only the finest fruit would be fermented. A 10 day cold soak of 100% whole clusters followed by a 25 day native fermentation both took place in an open 132 gallon French oak puncheon. Color, tannin, and aromatics were carefully extracted by hand through twice daily manual punch downs and painstaking temperature control. Upon completion of primary fermentation, the wine was drained by gravity to a small, 100% new French oak barrel for malolactic fermentation and aging. After 20 months of maturation in our cellar, The Reward was bottled unfiltered and unfiltered. Bottling of this this unfiltered and unfiltered Syrah took place March 1st of 2023.



### THE TASTE

This Syrah is striking in its shades of vibrant, youthful purple and its distinct and consistently intense aromatic profile. Fragrant notes of sandalwood and wildflower blossoms dance before giving way to spiced meat and fresh leather. Bright and lively on the palate, this offers a core of dusty red berries, dried herbs, bacon fat, and a hint of fresh earth that leads to a finish that is balanced by tannin and acidity, ensuring a long life ahead.

Alc: 13.7% Cases produced: 24 cases (9L equivalent) - 750 mL. SRP: \$175.

### THE MEANING BEHIND THE NAME

After 7 years of protecting the scions of a suitcase clone, The Reward was born. Thankful to the masters of vineyards in Côte-Rôtie and to my uncompromised passion for Syrah, Cattleya Wines could plant and tend to its own selection. Nurturing a small amount of 80 vines at the Pisoni Vineyards, The Reward showcases the purity of Syrah in California.