

REGIONAL REPORT

Sonoma's 2021s



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2021 CATTLEYA CHARDONNAY BEYOND THE THRESHOLD

A light golden hue, the 2021 Chardonnay Beyond The Threshold is layered with honeyed citrus and delicate smoke and flush with floral perfume that expands in the glass. This has another gear on the palate, with more fresh acidity and notes of candied lime, green apple, and warming spices that last on the finish. It's very attractive and will be great over the next 10 years.

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2021 CATTLEYA CHARDONNAY THE TEMPTRESS

Pouring a sunny golden hue, the 2021 Chardonnay The Temptress is lush with fresh pineapple, elegant oak spice, and lemon curd. Full-bodied, with a spherical feel, it boasts a silky mouthfeel with notes of hazelnut, baked apple, vanilla bean, and a floral perfume that lingers on the finish. Drink 2023-2030.

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2021 CATTLEYA CHARDONNAY CUVÉE NUMBER FIVE

The 2021 Chardonnay Cuvée Number Five pours a medium straw, with ripe aromas of honeysuckle, quince, and flinty wet stone. Full-bodied, with good freshness throughout, it offers decadent notes of lemon curd, ripe peach, and almond pastry. Generous and approachable, it will drink well over the next 6-8 years.

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2021 CATTLEYA PINOT NOIR CUVÉE NUMBER EIGHT

A semi-opaque, deep ruby with a purple hint, the 2021 Pinot Noir Cuvée Number Eight takes on a darker profile, with wet stone, blackberry, pepper, and grilled rosemary. Full-bodied, it brings more structure, with ripe tannins, iron-rich earth, and kirsch as well as fresh lift on the finish. Drink 2025-2035.

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2021 CATTLEYA PINOT NOIR BELLY OF THE WHALE

Pouring a deep ruby with purple highlights, the 2021 Pinot Noir Belly Of The Whale is pure with black raspberry liqueur, pepper spice, and lifted menthol and pine. Full-bodied and ripe with notes of blackberry preserve, crushed purple flowers, blue fruit, and tea leaf, it's generous, rounded, and fleshy with ripe fruit. Drink 2025-2035.

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2021 CATTLEYA PINOT NOIR THE GODDESS

From the Annapolis Vineyard farmed by Paul Hobbs, the 2021 Pinot Noir The Goddess is ripe ruby and displays spicy aromas of pine, pepper, and kirsch. Full-bodied and pure, with good concentration, fine tannins, fresh acidity, and a long finish, notes of red raspberry liqueur fill the palate along with fresh herbs and candied roses. Drink this over the next 10-15 years

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2021 CATTLEYA PINOT NOIR CUVÉE NUMBER ONE

A deep transparent ruby, the 2021 Pinot Noir Cuvée Number One is floral with the perfume of candied violets, cola spice, and cherry preserve. Full-bodied and classic, with grenadine, pressed flowers, and vanilla spice, a soft texture, and fine tannins, drink this plush and juicy style of red over the next 4-5 years.

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2021 CATTLEYA SYRAH THE REWARD

An inky purple hue, the 2021 Syrah The Reward is lifted with crushed graphite, fresh cracked pepper, and blackcurrant. Full-bodied with good lift, it has a super-elegant and refined texture, with almost no weight. It is remarkably fresh and long on the palate, with a mineral texture and a clean finish. This is a beautiful, cellar-worthy wine that will continue to improve with time.

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2021 CATTLEYA SYRAH THE INITIATION

The 2021 Syrah The Initiation is a nearly opaque ruby into purple, with oils of black pepper, black olive, and preserved plum. Full-bodied, it's lush with freshness and a velvety texture, revealing sweet tannins as well as notes of tea leaf and blackberry. It's a beautiful and opulent wine to drink 2025-2040.

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