



The 2023's Cattleya Wines from Sonoma

Sonoma Report Reviews

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2023 CATTLEYA CHARDONNAY Sonoma Coast

Displaying a bright yellow hue with a light haze (they don't filter or fine any of the Chardonnay or Pinot Noir), the nose of the 2023 Chardonnay Sonoma Coast is pretty and ripe with aromas of fresh pineapples, preserved citrus, wet stones, and fresh flowers. Coming from the Nightwing and Sun Chase vineyards, the 2023 Chardonnay Sonoma Coast was previously known as Cuvée Number 5. Full-bodied, it has a pretty feel on the palate, with lasting notes of lemon custard and vanilla. It's a beautifully detailed Chardonnay to drink now or over the coming 5-6 years.

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2023 CATTLEYA PINOT NOIR Sonoma Coast

The 2023 Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast is what used to be called Cuvée Number 8. It pours a saturated ruby red color and is dark with notes of crushed stones, black raspberries, brambly earth, and hints of pepper spice. Although a full-bodied Pinot Noir, it retains a lightweight feel and has velvety tannins. It has a polished feel with well-managed oak, as well as a good deal of length and saturation through the finish. Drink 2025-2035.

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2023 CATTLEYA BEYOND THE THRESHOLD Sonoma Coast Chardonnay

Entirely coming from the Sun Chase Vineyard, the 2023 Chardonnay Beyond The Threshold is a reflective medium straw/yellow color and takes on more toastiness and a bit of flinty reduction in its notes of orange zest, crushed stones, and salted white peach. It's ripe but floats on the palate with a silky texture, and its signature floral, custardy feel lasts on the finish. It's quite elegant and long and will likely flesh out more as it matures over the coming 7-8 years.

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2023 CATTLEYA BELLY OF THE WHALE Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir

The 2023 Pinot Noir Belly Of The Whale is highly expressive of its more exposed position on the Sonoma Coast. It leads with more mineral and savory-inflected aromatics on the nose, with deep and umami notes of black cherries, dark stones, nori, pine, and floral perfume. The palate is more red-fruited and brings more raspberry fruit to the fore, with a mouthwatering spine of acidity and a salty, tension-driven feel. It will benefit from another year or so in bottle and drink its best over the coming 12-15 years.

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2023 CATTLEYA
THE GODDESS
West Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir

The 2023 Pinot Noir The Goddess comes from a vineyard owned by Paul Hobbs on the West Sonoma Coast and pours a bright ruby red color. The nose has more lifted highlights, with a floral perfume and red fruit highlights of grenadine, wet stones, and fresh herbs. I love the focus and balance this wine brings, with refreshing ripe acidity, a long finish, and an incredible energy all the way through. It's my favorite of the three Pinot Noir offerings from Cattleya and is going to drink well now or over the coming 15 or more years.

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2022 CATTLEYA
THE INITIATION
Santa Lucia Highlands Syrah

The 2023 Syrah The Initiation is from the Soberanes Vineyard and is made from a clone that was brought over from cuttings in Côte Rôtie. In the glass, it pours a saturated purple color and opens to elegant and savory aromatics of toasted peppercorn, lavender oils, black olive, and preserved plums. It's full-bodied, coats the palate with plush tannins, and has a youthful primary feel. It has balanced length and is going to benefit from time in bottle, shedding its baby fat and leaning into the more savory character that weaves through the wine beautifully.

Drink 2027-2037.

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2023 CATTLEYA
THE REWARD
Santa Lucia Highlands Syrah

Pouring a black/purple color, the 2023 Syrah The Reward boasts notes of pine, graphite, black plum, sappy earth, and crushed rosemary. The palate is much more structured, with rich tannins, dark mineral stony underpinnings that course through the wine, and even ripe acidity. Bibiana brought this clone from Côte Rôtie herself and had it planted by Mark Pisoni at the Pisoni Vineyard. I love the palate of this wine, which is only produced in magnums and is built for the long haul. It will benefit from several more years in the bottle. Drink 2027-2047.

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