



THE REWARD

2022 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 Gonzalez'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

Harvest took place on September 12th at dawn, and the clusters were hand sorted at the winery in the early morning hours. Fermentation took place in an upward open top French oak puncheon. Colors, tannin, and aromatics were carefully extracted through daily manual punchdowns, during a 25 days native fermentation on 75% whole cluster fruit. The wine was drained by gravity to a 60 gallon 100% new French oak barrel. After 16 months of maturation in our cellar, The Reward was bottled unfiltered and unfiltered on February 2nd of 2024.



THE TASTE

This Syrah captivates with vibrant shades of deep purple and an intense aromatic profile. Fragrant notes of licorice and wildflower blossoms lead into aromas of juicy ripe blackberry and black currant. On the palate, it offers core flavors of dark fruit, accompanied by bold, intense tannins that provide structure, depth, and a plush body. Subtle hints of granite, pencil shavings and sous-bois notes add complexity, while balanced by refreshing acidity, promising a long and elegant finish. A feminine aromatic profile makes this wine very distinctive.

Cases produced: 24 (9L equivalent) - 1.5 L | Alc. 13.9% | RS: 0.33 g/L | pH: 3.79 | TA 6.5 g/L | 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, to my uncompromised passion for syrah and the tender care my in-laws have given to my scions, I was able to craft wines from my own vine selections. This is a wine that showcases the purity of Syrah in California.