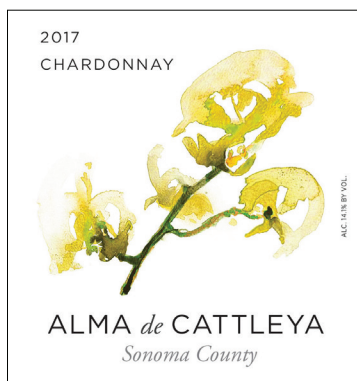


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Hello, and welcome to my periodic dig through the samples pile. I'm pleased to bring you the latest installment of Vinography Unboxed, where I highlight some of the better bottles that have crossed my doorstep recently.

I've got a fairly tropical California Chardonnay for those who want a bit of richness but without the oak. Alma Cattleya a project by Colombian native Bibiana González Rave who has been making wine in California for some time. She started her Cattleya label in 2012, and recently launched this Alma Cattleya line of wines. The Pinot Noir from the same label is a bit more simplistic, but still tasty.



Alma de Cattleya 2017 Chardonnay (Sonoma County)

Light gold in the glass, this wine smells of lemon curd and pineapple. In the mouth, bright lemon curd and pineapple flavors have a nice zip to them thanks to excellent acidity, and little trace of oak. Notes of grapefruit pith and a faint resinous note linger in the finish. Quite tasty.