

Week of 4/5/20

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.

This week included a couple of wines from Bibiana González Rave, a Colombian-born winemaker who studied in Bordeaux and made wine in Europe before coming to California to focus on her own brand, made from grapes bought in Sonoma and Napa. The wines are generally affordable and well made, as her Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Rosé demonstrate this week.



Alma de Cattleya 2019 Sauvignon Blanc

Palest gold in the glass, this wine smells of green apple and gooseberries. In the mouth, zippy and bright greenish flavors of apple and gooseberry and kiwi have a silky texture and a nice snap to them thanks to excellent acidity. There's a touch of cut grass bitterness that lingers in the finish. 14.1% alcohol. Score: around **8.5**.



Alma de Cattleya 2018 Rosé of Pinot Noir

A pale baby pink in the glass, this wine smells of candied watermelon. In the mouth, flavors of watermelon and watermelon rind have a faint herbal bitterness to them but also sweet lush fruit. Nice citrusy acidity makes for an overall tasty package. 14.1% alcohol. Score: between **8.5** and **9**.