
10 WOMEN MAKING THEIR MARK ON THE SONOMA,
NAPA COUNTY WINE INDUSTRY



Winemaker Bibiana Gonzalez Rave of Rohnert Park gained fame last year when her Alma de Cattleya, 2021 Sauvignon Blanc was ranked No. 28 on the Wine Spectator's Top 100 List for 2023. Photo taken Monday, Jan. 30, 2023. (John Burgess / The Press Democrat file)

Alma de Cattleya

Who: Vintner and winemaker Bibiana González Rave of the Alma de Cattleya in Rohnert Park

Bold move: González Rave grew up in Medellín, Colombia, during the 1990s amid the daily devastation of the drug cartel, attacks, bombings and kidnappings. She lost one of her closest friends in a car bombing in 2000. But her interest in wine at 14 took her from Columbia to study in France before ultimately landing in California. She founded her own brand —

Alma de Cattleya – in 2014. (Cattleya is the Spanish word for orchids), She and her brand continue to thrive, with her sauvignon blanc bottling ranked No. 28 on the Wine Spectator's Top 100 List for 2023. (almadecattleya.com)

González Rave: “For me, making wine is a transformational process, just like art or music. Each year, you get to transform a fruit, in this case grapes, into wine, then bottle it with a cork and preserve it for decades. Isn't that something remarkable?”