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5 New Names to Know Now

These five wineries have only hit the scene in recent years, but they represent some of the most exciting trends in California wine.

43. ALMA DE CATTLEYA, SONOMA

Colombia native Bibiana González Rave knew by age 14 she wanted to be a winemaker. After studying at the University of Bordeaux, she worked at top wineries before starting her own label in 2012. Her **2021 Cattleya The Initiation Syrah** *($70)* is terrific (albeit hard to find), and her brisk **2023 Alma de Cattleya Sonoma County Sauvignon Blanc** *($26)* is effortlessly drinkable.

44. CARBONISTE, SONOMA

Husband and wife Dan and Jacqueline Person make sparkling wine, but these aren't your typical California sparklers. Carboniste leans into the unusual, but very much the deliciously unusual, because as Dan Person has said, "Why are we trying to make Champagne in California?" The ruby-hued, juicy **Carboniste Rouge Brute** *($32)*, a blend of Merlot and Albariño, helps make his point.

45. COPIA VINEYARDS AND WINERY, PASO ROBLES

Varinder and Anita Sahi's Copia, founded in 2017, is one of the names to watch in the attention-getting Paso Robles region. The couple's focus is primarily on Rhône varieties, and the result is wines like their powerful, violet-scented, peppery **2021 Copia The Source** *($70)*, made almost entirely from Syrah, with tiny percentages of Grenache and Viognier.

46. MORÉT-BREALYNN WINES, SONOMA

Despite her French-sounding name, winemaker Morét Brealynn is 100% Mexican, she notes. She started off on the hospitality side of wine, then moved to the business side, then switched to winemaking. She started her eponymous label with the 2021 vintage; her second release, the aromatic **2022 Morét-Brealynn Russian River Valley Pinot Noir** *($50)*, only confirms her talent.

47. READ HOLLAND, ANDERSON VALLEY

Winemaker Ashley Holland was headed down the veterinary medicine path before she fell for wine. Stints in New Zealand's Marlborough region and in Sonoma honed her talents before she headed off to Anderson Valley. There, she makes excellent Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, as well as the racy, lime-zesty **2023 Read Holland Wiley Vineyard Riesling** *($30)*.