

### 2015 MT. HARLAN PINOT NOIR JENSEN VINEYARD

Calera's Mt. Harlan Vineyards are located in the Gavilan Mountains 25 miles east of the Monterey Bay. The site was chosen for its limestone soils and ideal climate. At an average elevation of 2,200 feet it is among the highest and coolest vineyard sites in California.



### **Harvest Notes**

Though the 2015 growing season resulted in the earliest harvest ever at Calera, the quality of the vintage is exceptional, with our 2015 Mt. Harlan Pinot Noirs displaying elegant textures, with beautiful depth and complexity. A dry winter was followed by an early spring, which resulted in our vines blooming early, in mid-April. With little winter rainfall, 2015 also marked our fourth year of drought. While this led to lower-than-average yields, the small crop and a consistently warm summer ensured that the grapes ripened perfectly, with extremely well-balanced acid and Brix levels. Harvest began on August 26th with the majority of our grapes arriving in the winery in pristine condition by September 15th.

### **Comments from the Winemaker**

From vines planted in 1975, this gorgeous Pinot Noir effortlessly straddles the line between power and elegance, displaying silky, harmonious tannins and remarkable concentration and complexity. Layers of cherry, cola, violets, vanilla and fresh-cracked pepper linger long on the palate, supported by subtle oak and an elegant framework of acidity, which adds poise and definition to a long, complex finish.

# Varietal Content

100% Pinot Noir

# **Harvest Information**

Harvest Dates: September 3 – September 12, 2015 Average Sugar at Harvest: 23.0° Brix

# Winemaking

17 months, 100% French oak 30% new, 10% second, 60% neutral

# **Production and Technical Data**

Alcohol: 13.8% 0.68 g/100 ml titratable acidity 100% malolactic fermentation 14 days fermentation at 60°F- 90°F pH: 3.53

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