

### 2001

# REED VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

#### MT. HARLAN

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.

## Winemakers Notes

The 2001 Reed Pinot Noir is a wonderful wine, with a lovely violet scented aroma. Notes of vanilla, black tea and subtle oak add interest and complexity. This wine is smooth and round, displaying a silky, creamy texture and great balance on the palate. Soft integrated tannins give the wine structure and longevity.

Vineyard Details

Planted in 1975 4.4 acres, 6 x 10 spacing North/Northeast exposure Limestone soils Clone: Calera Selection Rootstock: St. George Crop Yield: 1.59 tons/acre

#### Wine Analysis

Total Acidity: 6.0 g/l Final pH: 3.76 Malolactic: 100% Alcohol: 13.5% Production: 412 cases

## Vintage and Winemaking Detail

Lovely mild spring weather and a fairly warm summer in 2001 gave us grapes with volumes of varietal character and sweetness. The fruit was hand picked in mid September and then fermented whole cluster, with indigenous yeast in small open top fermenters. The wines were pressed after 14 days and racked by gravity to barrels following overnight settling. Aged without racking in François Freres barrels, 30% new, for sixteen months, the lots were combined prior to bottling and the wine was bottled unfiltered.