

2009

SELLECK 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

This 2009 Selleck Vineyard Pinot Noir is fascinating and simply stunning. It begins with evocative flowing aromas of gardenia, red currant, cranberry, flinty minerality, pine and faint black licorice. Flavors are concentrated, intense and velvety; lingonberry, dark cherry, a whisper of cinnamon and citrus rind, and seamlessly encompass the palate with a texture that is graceful, broad and beautifully balanced, then lingers slowly on into a juicy, almost ethereal, mouthwatering finish.

Vineyard Details

Planted in 1975
4.8 acres, 6 x 10 spacing
South/Southwest exposure
Limestone soils
Clone: Calera Selection
Rootstock: St. George
Crop Yield: 1.21 ton/acre

Wine Analysis

Total Acidity: 6.0g/l Final pH: 3.59 Malolactic: 100 % Alcohol: 14.1 % Production: 420 cases

All of our Mt Harlan vineyards are farmed ORGANICALLY & CERTIFIED

Vintage and Winemaking Detail

Moderate summer temperatures gave us an ideal growing season in 2009 to hang the fruit to our desired ripeness. The Selleck Vineyard was picked in two passes on October 5th and October 10th. Each lot was individually 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. They were then aged without racking in François Freres barrels, 30% new, for sixteen months. The barrels were combined prior to bottling and the wine was bottled unfiltered.