

#### 2015 MT. HARLAN PINOT NOIR SELLECK 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.



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**

Pure, poised and elegantly powerful, this beautiful wine offers bright fruit, velvety, mouthcoating tannins and a long, complex finish. Aromas of raspberry candy, pomegranate and sandalwood rise from the glass. On the palate, the flavors turn dark and rich, with layers of blackberry jam and chocolate gliding across the silky tannins to a lush, compelling finish.

## Varietal Content

100% Pinot Noir

# **Harvest Information**

Harvest Dates: September 10 – October 11, 2015 Average Sugar at Harvest: 24.0° Brix

# Winemaking

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

## **Production and Technical Data**

Alcohol: 14.6% 0.72 g/100 ml titratable acidity 14 days fermentation at 60°F- 90°F pH: 3.53

