

The Wine Advocate Tasting Notes

AUGUST 31, 2012

2010 Calera Pinot Noir

RATING: 91 points

PRODUCER: Calera

FROM: Central Coast,

California, USA

VARIETY: Pinot Noir

DRINK: 2012-2018

SOURCE: WA, #202

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The 2010 Pinot Noir is gorgeous. There is an immediacy to the fruit that is quite striking. Juicy dark berries, flowers and spices flesh out on the inviting finish. This isn't as compelling as the 2009, but it is awfully close. The only problem with the 2010 is going to be finding it, as production is down a whopping 50%. – *Antonio Galloni*

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2010 PINOT NOIR CENTRAL COAST

Calera's 2010 Central Coast Pinot Noir is made from grapes grown by the following selected vineyards in California's Central Coast Viticultural Area:

Laetitia Vineyard San Luis Obispo County 44%
Chula Viña Vineyard Monterey County 16%
Besson Vineyard Santa Clara County 12%
Doctor's Vineyard Monterey County 11%
Flint Vineyard San Benito County 9%
San Ysidro Vineyard Santa Clara County 8%

After hand harvesting, the grapes were fermented with native yeast in small open-top fermenters. After fourteen days, the wines were pressed, settled overnight, and then moved by gravity to Calera's barrel cellar. The wine was aged without racking in French oak barrels, 10% new, for eleven months. The individual barrel lots were combined prior to bottling.