

The Wine Advocate Tasting Notes

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2009 Calera Pinot Noir de Villiers Vineyard

RATING: 96+ points

PRODUCER: Calera

FROM: Mount Harlan

San Benito County, Central Coast,

California, USA

VARIETY: Pinot Noir

DRINK: 2012-2024

SOURCE: WA, #202

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The 2009 Pinot Noir de Villiers Vineyard, from vines planted in 1997, bursts from the glass with expressive, juicy fruit. Dark red berries, flowers, mint, spices and an orange rind follow, leading to a generous, inviting finish. The De Villiers is the only vineyard-designate Pinot made from fully destemmed fruit. It is a towering wine of incomparable class and elegance. Simply put, this is a stunning showing from Calera.

- Antonio Galloni

