# **PINOTREPORT**

**Calera Wine Company** is one of California's most enduring outposts for Pinot Noir. Calera's founder Josh Jensen was raised in the San Francisco Bay Area and after living in France for several years following his education in history and anthropology at Yale and later Oxford universities, he developed a love and fascination for Burgundy and its wines. He decided to turn that fascination into a career and worked harvests in 1970 and 1971 at Domaine de la Romanee-Conti and Domaine Dujac. He returned to California in 1971 to search for a site to create his own wine estate and Burgundian-styled wines. He believed that limestone was the key to the right vineyard site and finally in 1974 settled on a high-elevation

(around 2,200 feet) property south of the town of Hollister in San Benito County near Mt. Harlan. The soil there was loaded with limestone. In 1975, Josh planted his first Pinot Noir vineyard—24 acres in three parcels on the estate: Selleck (five acres), Reed (five acres) and Jensen (14 acres). He purchased a neighboring property in 1982 and over the next two years planted Viognier, Chardonnay and his fourth Pinot planting, the 12-acre Mills Vineyard. More Chardonnay and Pinot Noir were planted on the property in 1997 and 1998. In 1990, Mt. Harlan was established as an American Viticultural Area. Josh produces several bottlings of Pinot including Jensen, Selleck, Mills and des Villiers, as well as a Central Coast blend.



## Pinot Noir Mt. Harlan Jensen 2010

Medium ruby color; deep, herbal, earthy aromas with some berry notes; deep, herbal berry flavors with earthy, anise notes; some oak and tannin; good structure and balance; long finish. Deep, well structured Pinot that will reward your cellar patience.

93 POINTS



## **Pinot Noir Mt. Harlan Reed 2010**

Light-medium ruby color; some berry, herbs and earthy aromas; deep, earthy, berry and mineral flavors; some toasty oak; good structure and balance; long finish. Elegant, earthy Pinot that needs some time to open up.

91 POINTS



## Pinot Noir Mt. Harlan Ryan 2010

Medium-deep ruby color; complex aromas of herbs, dried cherry and pepper; deep, complex dried cherry and herbal flavors with earthy, oak notes; good structure and balance; long finish. Complex, aromatic Pinot that's drinking well now.

92 POINTS



## Pinot Noir Mt. Harlan de Villiers 2010

Medium-deep ruby color; deep, earthy aromas with herbal berry notes; rich, deep berry flavors with herbal and oak notes; good structure and balance; long finish. Deep, rich Pinot with really nice, complex herbal notes.

93 POINTS



#### **Pinot Noir Central Coast 2011**

Medium ruby color; rich, spicy earthy cherry aromas; rich, lush dusty cherry flavors with some toasty notes; good structure and balance; long finish. Rich, ripe Pinot with great balance.

SMART BUY!

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