

## The Wine Advocate Tasting Notes

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## 2009 Calera Pinot Noir Reed Vineyard

RATING: 93 points

PRODUCER: Calera

FROM: Mount Harlan

San Benito County, Central Coast,

California, USA

VARIETY: Pinot Noir

**DRINK**: 2014-2024

SOURCE: WA, #202

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The 2009 Pinot Noir Reed Vineyard is one of the more direct wines in this lineup. There is an exotic quality to the spice, orange peel and tobacco notes that is deeply intriguing, but in the end the fruit is more of a soloist than an orchestra. None of the Calera wines can be called straightforward, but the Reed is one of the most simple. Still, within the broader context of California Pinot Noir, it is fabulous – just not as fabulous as its stable mates! – *Antonio Galloni* 

