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This rocky, south-southwest facing hillside was planted in 1975, where the granitic and limestone soils helped define the Calera style of pinot noir, seemingly light in body with powerful flavors that extend through the wine into a lasting finish. This vintage requires a day or more of air before the depth and ripeness of its fruit becomes apparent, darkening from red cherry toward blue highlights, long on umami in its savor. The energy in the wine is more like the gentle glow of moonlight than the brightness of the sun. Destined for the cellar, this needs five or six years to begin to show its best. (420 cases)