



# CALERA

1998

## SELLECK VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

MT. HARLAN

Calera's Mt. Harlan Vineyards are located in the Gavilan Mountains 20 miles east of the Monterey Bay. The site was chosen for its limestone soils and ideal climate. At an average elevation of 2,200 feet it is among the highest and coolest vineyard sites in California.

### *Winemakers Notes*

The 1998 Selleck is rounding beautifully into a lush and silky wine. It has a lovely nuanced bouquet with notes of sun-ripened berries and sweet spice. This well integrated wine shows the complex layers and elegance that distinguish the wines from this unique vineyard site.

#### *Vineyard Details*

Planted in 1975  
4.8 acres, 6 x 10 spacing  
South/Southwest exposure  
Limestone soils  
Clone: Calera Selection  
Rootstock: St. George  
Crop Yield: 0.73 ton/acre

#### *Wine Analysis*

Total Acidity: 6.7 g/l  
Final pH: 3.48  
Residual sugar: 0.05%  
Malolactic: 100%  
Alcohol: 13.8%  
Cases produced: 271

### *Vintage and Winemaking Detail*

Cold winter weather led into a cool wet spring on Mt. Harlan in 1998 resulting in a very light fruit set. The growing season was cool and dry, and fortunately the weather held fair into the fall with the tiny crop being picked at full ripeness in late October. The grapes were hand harvested as two separate lots, and then whole cluster fermented with indigenous yeast in small open top fermenters. The wines were pressed after 14 days and racked by gravity to barrels following overnight settling. Aged without racking in Francois Freres barrels, 30% new, for sixteen months, the lots were combined prior to bottling and the wine was bottled unfiltered.