



# CALERA

2009

## de VILLIERS VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

MT. HARLAN

Calera's Mt. Harlan Vineyards are located in the Gavilan Mountains 25 miles east of the Monterey Bay. The site was chosen for its limestone-derived 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

Bright, lively raspberry aromas give hints of the intense character of this 2009 de Villiers Pinot Noir. Beautiful flavors of blackberry, dark plum and white chocolate intertwine with blueberry, spice, mineral and a hint of anise, with lush round tannins and an energetic delicious finish.

#### Vineyard Details Analysis

Planted in 1997  
15.6 acres, 7.5' x 4.5' spacing  
Exposures: all points of the compass except due North  
Limestone soils  
Clone: Calera Selection  
Crop Yield: 2.06 of a ton/acre

#### Wine

Total Acidity: 6.4 g/l  
Final pH: 3.46  
Malolactic: 100%  
Alcohol: 14.4%  
Production: 1,460 cases

All of our Mt Harlan vineyards are farmed ORGANICALLY & CERTIFIED

### Vintage and Winemaking Detail

Moderate summer temperatures gave us an ideal growing season in 2009. We picked the de Villiers Vineyard in five different passes starting on September 23 and ending on the 7<sup>th</sup> of October. Each day's picking became a separate lot up until shortly before bottling. Each was fermented by the action of native yeasts in small open top fermenters. Each lot was pressed 14 days after harvest, racked by gravity to French oak barrels, then aged without racking in those barrels, 30% new, for sixteen months. The five lots were then combined and the resultant wine was bottled without filtration, as always.