



# CALERA

2013

## 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 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

2013 de Villiers Vineyard Pinot Noir possesses a deep garnet color and beguiling aromas of blackberry, cassis, white peppercorn, bramble and wet slate. The flavors are beautifully integrated and juicy; black fruits, Marion berry and spice with soft, graceful yet grippy fine-grained tannins indicating a long life ahead.

#### Vineyard Details

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: 1.07 tons/acre

#### Wine Analysis

Total Acidity: 6.3 g/l  
Final pH: 3.45  
Malolactic: 100%  
Alcohol: 14.5%  
Production: 1,018 cases

All of our Mt Harlan vineyards are ORGANICALLY FARMED & CERTIFIED by CCOF

### Vintage and Winemaking Detail

In 2013 we saw decreasing yields due to the second year of a drought with only 6.5 inches of rain for the entire season. Warm spring temperatures brought on an early bud break, but fortunately remained warm with no threats of frost. The summer months were fairly mild with abundant sunshine allowing us to pick the grapes with high acid and mature flavors.

We picked the de Villiers vineyard in five separate passes from September 5th to September 18th. 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 nineteen months. The lots were then combined and the resultant wine was bottled without filtration, as always.