



CALERA

2013

JENSEN 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

The sumptuous bouquet of this 2013 Jensen Vineyard Pinot Noir is savory and rich like brioche. Notes of cherry pie, white pepper and a hint of rose petal marry wonderfully with the incredibly harmonious and very complex yet tart palate of blue fruits, spice, limestone minerality and a mouth-coating texture. This wine is juicy and structured and promises a very long, alluring life ahead.

Vineyard Details

Planted in 1975
13.8 acres, 6 x 10 spacing
4 hillside blocks, varied exposure
Clone: Calera Selection
Rootstock: St. George
Crop Yield: 1.12 tons/acre

Wine Analysis

Total Acidity: 6.4 g/l
Final pH: 3.53
Malolactic: 100 %
Alcohol: 14.5%
Production: 1,088 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 Jensen vineyard in five separate passes from September 18th to October 7th. 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 lots were then combined and the resultant wine was bottled without filtration, as always.