



CALERA

2015 MT. HARLAN PINOT NOIR RYAN VINEYARD

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.



Harvest Notes

Though the 2015 growing season resulted in the earliest harvest ever at Calera, the quality of the vintage is exceptional, with our 2015 Mt. Harlan Pinot Noirs displaying elegant textures, with beautiful depth and complexity. A dry winter was followed by an early spring, which resulted in our vines blooming early, in mid-April. With little winter rainfall, 2015 also marked our fourth year of drought. While this led to lower-than-average yields, the small crop and a consistently warm summer ensured that the grapes ripened perfectly, with extremely well-balanced acid and Brix levels. Harvest began on August 26th with the majority of our grapes arriving in the winery in pristine condition by September 15th.

Comments from the Winemaker

Beautifully complex and layered, this Pinot Noir offers inviting aromas of bright red cherry, sweet tobacco leaf and sassafras, along with hints of Mediterranean herbs. The cherry notes are echoed on the palate, where they mingle with flavors of wild strawberry, thyme and spice. Youthful tannins add weight and texture to the vibrant flavors, while also promising a long life in the bottle.

Varietal Content

100% Pinot Noir

Harvest Information

Harvest Dates: August 26 – September 9, 2015

Average Sugar at Harvest: 24.0° Brix

Winemaking

17 months, 100% French oak

30% new, 10% second, 60% neutral

Production and Technical Data

Alcohol: 14.2%

0.63 g/100 ml titratable acidity

14 days fermentation at 60°F- 90°F

pH: 3.53

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