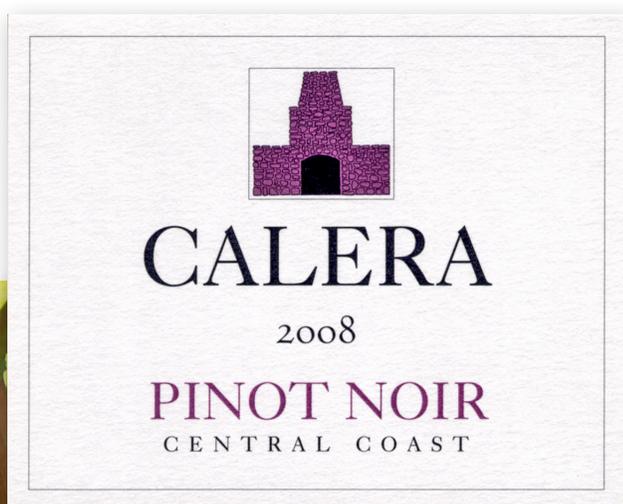


2008 Calera Pinot Noir

RATING:	90 points
PRODUCER:	Calera
FROM:	Central Coast, California, USA
VARIETY:	Pinot Noir
DRINK:	2010-2013
SOURCE:	WA, #190 Aug 2010

An excellent bargain in Pinot Noir, the 2008 Pinot Noir Central Coast offers a delicious introduction to the Calera style. Fifty percent whole clusters were used, and the wine was aged 11 months in Francois Freres Burgundy barrels, of which 10% were new. Bottled unfiltered, it is a blend of fruit from four separate Central Coast counties, Monterey, San Luis Obispo, San Benito, and Santa Clara. Attractive notes of roasted herbs, sweet and sour cherries, strawberry jam, sassafras, and earth emerge from this medium to full-bodied, supple-textured, seductive red. Drink it over the next 2-3 years.

– Robert Parker



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