

2009 Calera Pinot Noir

RATING: 92 points

PRODUCER: Calera

FROM: Central Coast, California, USA

VARIETY: Pinot Noir

DRINK: 2011-2016

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The 2009 Pinot Noir bursts from the glass with expressive red fruit, flowers, spices and mint. It shows lovely mid-palate juiciness and an elegant, polished finish. At \$24 a bottle, **it may very well be the single finest value in American Pinot Noir.**

I was hardly surprised to learn Emirates chose to serve this wine in their business class cabin last year. This is a dazzling wine from start to finish. It is also one of the two 2009 Pinots made from fully destemmed fruit. Wow! – *Antonio Galloni*

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2009 PINOT NOIR CENTRAL COAST

Calera's 2009 Central Coast Pinot Noir is made from grapes grown by the following selected vineyards in California's Central Coast Viticultural Area:

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| Laetitia Vineyard | San Luis Obispo County | 33% |
| Scheid Vineyard | Monterey County | 17% |
| San Ysidro Vineyard | Santa Clara County | 16% |
| Doctor's Vineyard | Monterey County | 12% |
| Chula Viña Vineyard | Monterey County | 10% |
| Flint Vineyard | San Benito County | 7% |
| Besson Vineyard | Santa Clara County | 5% |

After hand harvesting, the grapes were fermented with native yeast in small open-top fermenters. After fourteen days, the wines were pressed, settled overnight, and then moved by gravity to Calera's barrel cellar. The wine was aged without racking in French oak barrels, 10% new, for eleven months. The individual barrel lots were combined prior to bottling.

