

2011 Calera Pinot Noir Central Coast

RATING: 90 points

PRODUCER: Calera

FROM: Central Coast, California, USA

VARIETY: Pinot Noir

DRINK: 2013-2018

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Calera's 2011 Pinot Noir Central Coast wafts from the glass with freshly cut flowers, sweet red berries and mint. This is a fairly laid-back vintage for the wine, with less of the pure breed of the 2009 and 2010, but frankly that may be an unfair comparison as those wines were superb over achievers. The 2011 is more an inline performer. The tense, saline finish laced with pretty floral and spiced notes is lovely. — *Antonio Galloni*

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2011 PINOT NOIR CENTRAL COAST

Calera's 2011 Central Coast Pinot Noir is made from grapes grown by the following selected vineyards in California's Central Coast Viticultural Area:

San Felipe Vineyard	Santa Clara County	39%
Laetiia Vineyard	San Luis Obispo County	20%
Chula Viña Vineyard	Monterey County	13%
Idyll Times Vineyard	San Benito County	9%
Pedregal Vineyard	Santa Clara County	9%
Flint Vineyard	San Benito County	8%
Spring Grove Vineyard	San Benito County	2%

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.

