

2007 Calera Pinot Noir de Villiers Vineyard

RATING: 92 points

PRODUCER: Calera

FROM: Mount Harlan
San Benito County,
Central Coast,
California, USA

VARIETY: Pinot Noir

DRINK: 2010-2020

SOURCE: WA, #190
Aug 2010

The debut release of a new bottling, the dark ruby-hued 2007 Pinot Noir de Villiers is from a 13.1-acre vineyard planted in 1997 on pure limestone soils. Cropped at an unbelievably low .78 tons of fruit per acre, the wine spent 16 months in Francois Freres oak barrels (30% new), and was bottled without filtration. It offers notes of rhubarb, sassafras, sweet cherries, strawberries, and herbs in a full-bodied, dense, complex, juicy format. With silky tannins, decent acidity, and a long finish, it should drink well for a decade or more.

— Robert Parker

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