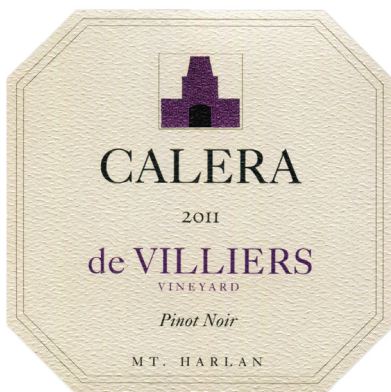


## for people passionate about western pinot noir

Calera Wine Company is one of California's most enduring outposts for Pinot Noir. Calera's founder Josh Jensen was raised in the San Francisco Bay Area and after living in France for several years following his education in history and anthropology at Yale and later Oxford universities, he developed a love and fascination for Burgundy and its wines. He decided to turn that fascination into a career and worked harvests in 1970 and 1971 at Domaine de la Romanée-Conti and Domaine Dujac. He returned to California in 1971 to search for a site to create his own wine estate and Burgundian-styled wines. He believed that limestone was the key to the right vineyard site and finally in 1974 settled on a high-elevation (around

2,200 feet) property south of the town of Hollister in San Benito County near Mt. Harlan. The soil there was loaded with limestone. In 1975, Josh planted his first Pinot Noir vineyard—24 acres in three parcels on the estate: Selleck, Reed and Jensen. He purchased a neighboring property in 1982 and over the next two years planted Viognier, Chardonnay and his fourth Pinot planting, the Mills Vineyard. More Chardonnay and Pinot Noir were planted on the property in 1997 and 1998. In 1990, Mt. Harlan was established as an American Viticultural Area. Josh produces several bottlings of Pinot including des Villiers, Jensen, Reed, Ryan, Mills, Selleck as well as a Central Coast blend.

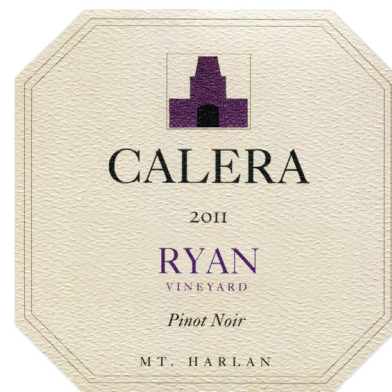
Medium-deep ruby color; deep, earthy, graphite aromas with cherry notes; deep, rich cherry flavors with tea and toasty oak notes; good structure and balance; long finish. Complex, deep Pinot with good structure and nuance.



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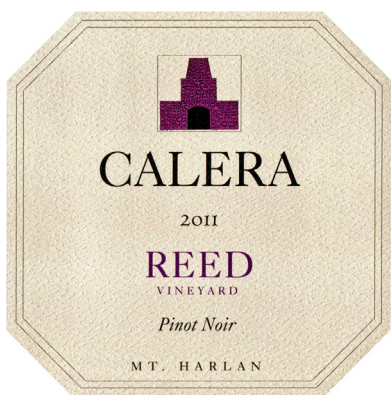
Medium-deep ruby color; tight, complex aromas of spice and herbs; complex, tart cherry flavors with herbal, forest floor notes; some oak notes; good structure and balance; long finish. Complex, subtle Pinot that rewards time in the glass.



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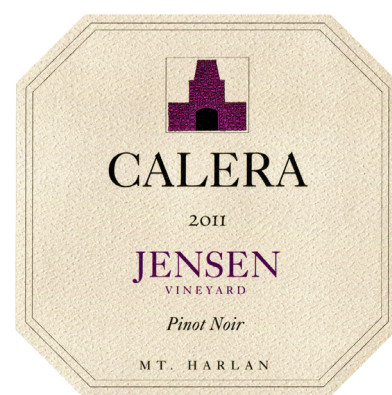
Medium-deep ruby color; deep, earthy, cherry aromas with some graphite and toast notes; complex stewed cherry and earthy flavors with some oak and tannin; good structure and balance; long finish. Big, deep Pinot that has a long life ahead of it.



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Medium ruby color; subtle earthy and cherry aromas; deep, cherry and earthy flavors with herbal and mineral notes; some oak and tannin; good structure and balance; long finish. Subtle, elegant Pinot that needs some time to open up.



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