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CALERA WINE COMPANY	2014	CHARDONNAY MT HARLAN	MT. HARLAN	WHITE	95
CALERA WINE COMPANY	2014	PINOT NOIR	CENTRAL COAST	RED	92
CALERA WINE COMPANY	2013	PINOT NOIR DE VILLIERS VINEYARD	MT. HARLAN	RED	94
CALERA WINE COMPANY	2013	PINOT NOIR JENSEN VINEYARD	MT. HARLAN	RED	95
CALERA WINE COMPANY	2013	PINOT NOIR MILLS VINEYARD	MT. HARLAN	RED	95
CALERA WINE COMPANY	2013	PINOT NOIR REED VINEYARD	MT. HARLAN	RED	93
CALERA WINE COMPANY	2013	PINOT NOIR RYAN VINEYARD	MT. HARLAN	RED	95
CALERA WINE COMPANY	2013	PINOT NOIR SELLECK VINEYARD	MT. HARLAN	RED	97

Pulling from his estate vineyards located east of Monterey, in San Benito County and the Mount Harlan AVA, winemaker Josh Jensen can seemingly do no wrong. He produces beautiful whites and reds that are singular and packed with flavor. All of his 2013s are classic wines.

Coming from accountant-crushing yields of 0.54 tons per acre, Calera's **2014 Chardonnay Mt Harlan** was harvested near the middle of September and spent 13 months in 30% new French oak. This killer effort offers an exotic, perfumed bouquet of white peach, orange blossom, buttered citrus and brioche, with tons of chalky minerality emerging with more time in the glass. Rich, full-bodied, yet graceful, light on its feet and impeccably balanced, it's another great vintage for this cuvee to enjoy over the coming 5-7 years. Anticipated maturity: 2016-2024

Readers looking for a classic, incredibly well made Pinot Noir to buy by the case should look no further than Josh's **2014 Pinot Noir** from the Central Coast AVA. Supple, sexy, seamless and elegant, with classic Calera notes of raspberries, mulled cherries, spice and dried soil, it has no hard edges, a core of sweet fruit and a beautiful finish that keeps you coming back to the glass. I'm sure it will keep for 4-5 years (probably longer), but there's no need to delay gratification. Don't miss this fabulous effort and bravo to the Calera team for delivering this level of quality at the price. Anticipated maturity: 2016-2021.

The **2013 Pinot Noir de Villiers** is gorgeous. Coming from an east-facing parcel of vines planted in 1997 and aged 19 months in 30% new French oak, it has a terrific core of black cherries, flowers, menthol, toasted spice and licorice that opens up beautifully with time in the glass. Medium to full-bodied, layered, supple and sexy, yet with plenty of elegance, ripe tannin and a big mid-palate, it can be drunk today with plenty of pleasure or cellared for a decade. Anticipated maturity: 2016-2026. From an accountant crushing yield of 1.12 tons per acre, the **2013 Pinot Noir Jensen Vineyard** was aged 17 months in 30% new French oak. It offers a beautiful array of sappy flowers, forest floor and darker raspberry and cherry fruits to go with a medium to full-bodied, seamless, silky style on the palate that continues to flesh out and gain richness with time in the glass. Like all of Josh's wines, it's impeccably balanced and has first rate purity of fruit, ripe tannin structure and a great finish. It certainly offers incredible pleasure today, yet will be even better with short term cellaring and will have 15 years of overall longevity. Anticipated

maturity: 2018-2028. Jensen's **2013 Pinot Noir Mills Vineyard** is a beauty! It possesses a medium ruby color and sumptuous notes of mulled cherries, raspberries, dusty earth, spice box and wild herbs. Medium-bodied, richly textured, balanced and lively, with good acidity and a great finish, this is a terrific Pinot Noir to drink over the coming decade. Anticipated maturity: 2016-2026.

Calera's **2013 Pinot Noir Reed Vineyard** is a beauty, and one of the standout vintages of this cuvee. Harvested on October 8th and 9th, with a scant 1.14 tons per acre, and aged 17 months in 30% French oak, its light ruby color is followed by a sweet, perfumed bouquet of sassafras, mint, sweet cherries and dried flowers. This cooler site always imparts a lively, sappy, almost green note, but it's always balanced by a solid core of fruit. Medium-bodied, supple, elegant and silky, it has tons of charm, no hard edges and should evolve nicely on its overall balance. Anticipated maturity: 2016-2025. There are just under 900 cases of the **2013 Pinot Noir Ryan Vineyard**, and like the de Villiers cuvee, it spent 19 months in 30% new barrels. This is a big, rich, yet still graceful Pinot Noir that's loaded with notions of mulberries, sappy underbrush, licorice, violets and dried earth. Mouth-filling, polished, balanced and concentrated, this changed dramatically with extended airing, and where it was a touch burly on opening, the tannin sweetened up beautifully and it showed much more polish with air. Nevertheless, there's ample tannin here and it should be given 2-3 years of cellaring. When all is said and done, this might be the finest vintage of this cuvee to date. Anticipated maturity: 2018-2028.

The biggest, richest wine in the lineup is the 327-case **2013 Pinot Noir Selleck Vineyard**, which comes from the 4.8-acre Selleck Vineyard (this is one of the warmer terroirs on the estate). It was harvested from September 24th to October 4th, spending 18 months in 30% new puncheons before being bottled unfiltered. This is a blockbuster, rich, concentrated and textured Pinot Noir that has bright acidity, a huge core of fruit and layers of framboise, red currants, forest floor, mint, dried flowers and exotic spices. Needing air to show at its best, this beauty is up with the 2012 and absolutely one of the finest Pinot Noirs coming out of California. This totally profound wine will be better in a year or two and drink well for over a decade. Anticipated maturity: 2018-2028. Tel. (831) 637-9170 [www.calerawine.com](http://www.calerawine.com)