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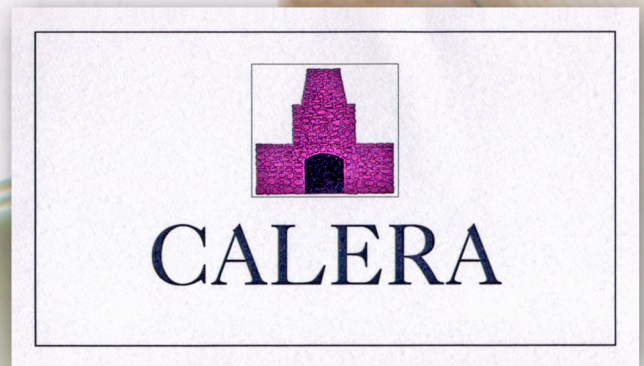
94 Calera 2010 Selleck Vineyard Pinot Noir (Mt. Harlan). If there's one California Pinot Noir you dealer this vintage, make it this one. It's a stone-cold guarantee. Light and silky in the mouth, with brisk acidity, it shows rich raspberry, cherry, red currant and sandalwood flavors that are deep and long. Has all the necessary balance to evolve many years, and should start showing bottle development after 2018. *Cellar Selection.*

93 Calera 2010 Jensen Vineyard Pinot Noir (Mt. Harlan). There's a delicacy to this Pinot that makes it a welcome alternative to the big, clumsy style. The color is translucent, and the alcohol is relatively low, giving it a nice, bouncy mouthfeel. The depth of flavor is impressive, suggesting ripe forest raspberries and cherries, and a hint of mushrooms. It would be a pity to drink this wine before 2017. *Cellar Selection.*

92 Calera 2010 Mills Vineyard Pinot Noir (Mt. Harlan). This is delicious now for its raspberry and cherry sweetness, accented with smoky oak and brightened by crisp acidity. It shows the elegance that Calera Pinots are known for. It's complex enough to offer lots of pleasure but you may want to age it 6-8 years in the cellar and let it mellow.

92 Calera 2010 Reed Vineyard Pinot Noir (Mt. Harlan). As usual, this is one of Calera's lightest bottling, in both color and texture. It's deceptively simple, showing softened cola and raspberry jam flavors that finish impressively long and spicy. It would be a mistake to dismiss it for early drinking. Give it a good six years in the cellar, and it could be stunning in 2020.

92 Calera 2010 Ryan Vineyard Pinot Noir (Mt. Harlan). You can almost read through the translucent ruby color of this wine, but there is nothing light about it. Rich with cherries, it offers lots of pleasure now, but with moderate alcohol, fine acidity, and minerality that gives the wine a foundation, it should hold in the cellar until 2018 at least.



Reviews by Steve Heimoff

89 Calera 2010 de Villiers Vineyard Pinot Noir (Mt. Harlan). De Villiers is one of Calera's newest vineyards, and whether it's a warmer site or simply comprised of showier clones, it's showier in raspberry and cherry jam flavors, with lots of sweet, caramelized oak. The finish is long and sweet in fruit, and the alcohol is well below 14% by volume.

92 Calera 2011 Chardonnay (Mt. Harlan). Josh Jensen brings his restrained hand to this very fine Chardonnay. It's notable for the excellence of all its parts, and the balanced way they co-exist. You'll find it tantalizingly rich tropical fruit and peach flavors, with nuances of oak, as well as the minerality that the estate vineyard brings to all its wines, white and red. *Editor's Choice.*

90 Calera 2011 Viognier (Mt. Harlan). The cool 2011 vintage was kind to Calera's Viognier, helping to rein in the fruit which sometimes can be overwhelming. You still get plenty of tropical fruit and honeysuckle flavor, but it's just part of a package that also includes acidity, oak and minerals.

88 Calera 2011 Chardonnay (Central Coast). Made in a more popular style than Calera's Mt. Harlan bottling, this Chard features lush flavors of pineapple and orange jam, honey and vanilla. The acidity is bright and mouthwatering.