



CALERA

2001

MILLS VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

MT. HARLAN

Calera's Mt. Harlan Vineyards are located in the Gavilan Mountains 25 miles east of the Monterey Bay. The site was chosen for its limestone soils and ideal climate. At an average elevation of 2,200 feet, it is among the highest and coolest vineyard sites in California.

Winemaker's Notes

The 2001 Mills Vineyard Pinot Noir is a dark, rich, robust wine. Classic varietal aromas mix with scents of strawberry and sweet black plum. Ripe fruit flavors are accented by an appealing spiciness and an underpinning of subtle toasty oak. On the palate this wine offers a lush, sensuous structure balanced with bright acid and dense, well-integrated tannins. This wine promises to age to elegant perfection over the next several years.

Vineyard Details

Planted in 1984
14.4 acres, 6 x 10 spacing
South exposure, gentle slope
Limestone soils
Clone: Calera Selection
Rootstock: Own rooted
Crop Yield: 1.15 ton/acre

Wine Analysis

Total Acidity: 6.1 g/l
Final pH: 3.7
Malolactic: 100%
Alcohol: 14.5%
Production: 1096 cases

Vintage and Winemaking Detail

Lovely mild spring weather and a fairly warm summer in 2001 gave us grapes with volumes of varietal character and sweetness. The fruit was hand picked in early September and then whole cluster fermented, with indigenous yeast in small open-top fermenters. The wines were pressed after 14 days and racked by gravity to barrels following overnight settling. Aged without racking in Francois Freres barrels, 30% new, for sixteen months, the lots were combined prior to bottling and the wine was bottled unfiltered.