



CALERA

2005

RYAN 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.

Winemakers Notes

Plum, black cherry, spice and cedar aromas introduce this fourth vintage of Ryan vineyard – our youngest Mt. Harlan Pinot Noir block. West facing aspect and higher elevation give this vineyard unique character, yet it already possesses that classic Mt. Harlan minerality, focus and structure. Bright, youthful and vibrant, this charmer offers berry, cola, plum and Asian spice with a fleshy, persistent finish.

Vineyard Details

Planted in 1998 and 2001
13.1 acres, 7.5 x 4.5 spacing
West/Southwest exposure
Limestone soils
Clone: Calera Selection
Rootstock: 110R, 5C & 1103 Paulsen
Crop Yield: 1.61 tons/acre

Wine Analysis

Total Acidity: 6.3 g/l
Final pH: 3.58
Malolactic: 100%
Alcohol: 14.2%
Production: 1410 cases

Vintage and Winemaking Detail

Plentiful rainfall in the spring served to keep the soil moist and the vines growing late into the summer of 2005. We picked three separate lots of grapes from the Ryan Vineyard from late September to early October. The grapes were fermented whole cluster, 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 François Freres barrels, 18% new, for sixteen months, the barrels were combined prior to bottling and the wine was bottled unfiltered.