



# CALERA

2007

## MT. HARLAN CUVÉE PINOT NOIR

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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*

Mt. Harlan Cuvée is a barrel selection from our various single-vineyard Pinot Noirs and reflects a fascinating complement of personalities from each.

Our 2007 "Cuvée" exudes boysenberry, mineral and spice. It's a wonderfully balanced, round wine with flavors of black cherry, bramble, slate and the tiniest smidge of fennel. Nice soft tannins offer a gentle, but pronounced structure and a juicy mid palate. This wine lingers with a yummy, juicy blackberry finish.

### *Vineyard Details*

Jensen Vineyard	4 hillside blocks, varied exposure, planted 1975	75%
Ryan Vineyard	West facing, highest elevation, planted 1998	15%
Mills Vineyard	South/Southwest exposure, planted 1984	10%

### *Wine Analysis*

Total Acidity: 6.0 g/l  
Final pH: 3.61  
Malolactic: 100%

Alcohol: 14.8%  
Barrel regime: 16 months, 30% new oak  
Production: 252 cases

### *Vintage and Winemaking Detail*

Late spring frosts stunted early shoot growth in parts of our Mt Harlan Pinot Vineyards causing a slight decrease in production. Fortunately the cool summer paired with the eastern morning exposures gave us a surprisingly longer growing season. With ample hang time we picked this fruit with amazing color and concentration.

Each lot was individually 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. They were then aged without racking in François Freres barrels, 30% new, for sixteen months. This blend comprises various barrel lots selected for their character, flavor and approachability.