



CALERA

1999

REED VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

MT. HARLAN

Calera's Mt. Harlan Vineyards are located in the Gavilan Mountains 20 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

The 1999 Reed Pinot Noir is an appealing wine with seductive aromatics and distinctive flavors of chocolate and earthiness, with lots of ripe red berry fruit in the mix. The wine is intense and youthful, yet it is very approachable and shows great balance on the palate.

Vineyard Details

Planted in 1975
4.4 acres, 6 x 10 spacing
North/Northeast exposure
Limestone soils
Clone: Calera Selection
Rootstock: St. George
Crop Yield: 0.91 ton/acre

Wine Analysis

Total Acidity: 6.1 g/l
Final pH: 3.7
Residual sugar: 0.05%
Malolactic: 100%
Alcohol: 14.7%

Vintage and Winemaking Detail

Cool spring weather in 1999 brought budbreak in mid-April. All of our Mt. Harlan Pinot vineyards experienced light fruit set in 1999, with very small clusters. A mild dry summer resulted in a long hang-time and a later than usual October harvest. The grapes were hand harvested at optimum ripeness as five separate lots, 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.