



CALERA

1999

SELLECK 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

The 1999 Selleck is stunning: A powerful, intense wine with aromas of fresh, ripe raspberries intermingled with black currant and cassis notes. On the palate this beautifully balanced wine shows multiple layers of flavor and complexity that will continue to develop over the next fifteen years.

Vineyard Details

Planted in 1975
4.8 acres, 6 x 10 spacing
South/Southwest exposure
Limestone soils
Clone: Calera Selection
Rootstock: St. George
Crop Yield: 0.98 ton/acre

Wine Analysis

Total Acidity: 6.8 g/l
Final pH: 3.5
Residual sugar: 0.03%
Malolactic: 100%
Alcohol: 14.4 %

Vintage and Winemaking Detail

Cool spring weather in 1999 brought budbreak in mid-April, giving us a light fruit set with very small clusters. A mild dry summer resulted in a long hang-time and a later than usual mid-October harvest. The grapes were hand harvested as three separate lots, and then whole cluster fermented with indigenous yeast in small open top fermenters. The wines were pressed after 14 days and raked 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.