



# CALERA

2009

## REED 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

Light garnet hue and delicate aromas of cardamom, graphite, sandstone, rose petals and blueberry instantly draw you into this fascinating and unusual Pinot Noir. Reed vineyard, with its north facing aspect gives us a most alluring mélange of black plum, forest floor, dried cranberry, rhubarb fennel, mint, black cherry, sage and white pepper. The texture is graceful, lithe and balanced with assertive, playful tannins promising a long and interesting life. A Pinot Noir collector's delight.

#### Vineyard Details

P Planted in 1975  
4.4 acres, 6 x 10 spacing  
North/Northeast exposure  
Limestone soils  
Clone: Calera Selection  
Rootstock: St. George  
Crop Yield: 1.02 tons per acre

#### Wine Analysis

Total Acidity: 6.2 g/l  
Final pH: 3.59  
Malolactic: 100%  
Alcohol: 14.7 %  
Production: 281 cases

All of our Mt Harlan vineyards are farmed ORGANICALLY & CERTIFIED

### Vintage and Winemaking Detail

Moderate summer temperatures gave us an ideal growing season in 2009 to hang the fruit to our desired ripeness. The Reed Vineyard was picked in two passes on Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>. 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. The barrels were combined prior to bottling and the wine was bottled unfiltered.