



CALERA

2011

PINOT NOIR

CENTRAL COAST

Calera's Central Coast wines are made from grapes grown by selected vineyards in California's Central Coast Viticultural Area.

Winemakers Notes

Plum, pomegranate, pink rose petal, boysenberry and the slightest hint of watermelon candy dance from this 2011 Central Coast Pinot Noir. It's full of boysenberry and spicy cherries jubilee character with nice brightness and delightful flavors of black raspberry and sweet oak. A bit of tartness accents the soft, flowing texture and lively finish.

Vineyard Details

San Felipe Vineyard – Santa Clara County
Laetitia Vineyard – San Luis Obispo County
Chula Viña – Monterey County
Idyll Times Vineyard – San Benito County
Pedregal Vineyard – Santa Clara County
Flint Vineyard – San Benito County
Spring Grove Vineyard – San Benito County

Wine Analysis

Total Acidity: 6.2 g/l
Final pH: 3.63
Malolactic: 100%
Time in barrel: Eleven months, 10% new
Alcohol: 13.9 %

Vintage and Winemaking Detail

We had another cool year in 2011. The early spring was wet and cold delaying bud break by a few weeks. With colder summer temperatures averaging in the low 70's we were forced to hang the fruit a month later than usual, but to our surprise the waiting brought us rich and acidic wines without the high brix. The Central Coast Pinot was picked from September 27th - October 24th.

All lots were fermented with native yeasts in small, open top fermenters. After fourteen days the wines were pressed, settled overnight, and then moved by gravity to Calera's barrel cellar. The wine was aged without racking in mostly French oak Barrels, 10% new, for eleven months. The vineyard lots were combined priori to bottling and the wine was bottled unfiltered.