



CALERA

2011

JENSEN 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

2011 Jensen Vineyard Pinot Noir is a ballerina; graceful, subtly powerful, and delicate in an expansive way. Aromas of Bing cherry, soft sweet oak and the faintest whisper of watermelon accent the classic Jensen broad flavors of blackberry, cassis, herb, violets and mineral from this complex vineyard block planted with four different aspects to the sun. There's an exquisite brightness, depth and suppleness of texture in this alluring and wonderful wine.

Vineyard Details

Planted in 1975
13.8 acres, 6 x 10 spacing
4 hillside blocks, varied exposure
Clone: Calera Selection
Rootstock: St. George
Crop Yield: 1.09 tons/acre

Wine Analysis

Total Acidity: 6.1 g/l
Final pH: 3.59
Malolactic: 100 %
Alcohol: 14.9%
Production: 1,025 cases

All of our Mt Harlan vineyards are farmed ORGANICALLY & CERTIFIED

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 wines with bright acidity and lower sugars.

Each day's picking became a separate lot up until shortly before bottling. Each was fermented by the action of native yeasts in small open top fermenters. Each lot was pressed 14 days after harvest, racked by gravity to French oak barrels, then aged without racking in those barrels, 30% new, for eighteen months. The lots were then combined and the resultant wine was bottled without filtration, as always.