



# CALERA

2012

## 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

Reed Vineyard is such a distinctive site at Calera; the north facing slope makes wines slightly tawny in color and fascinatingly earthy, gamey, floral, brambly and spicy in the bouquet. It's a very perfumed woody wine with cola, dried chili, plum, cassis and rose petal on the palate. The texture is alluring; delicate yet strong like a ballerina.

#### 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: 1.43 ton per acre

#### Wine Analysis

Total Acidity: 6.2 g/l  
Final pH: 3.65  
Malolactic: 100%  
Alcohol: 14.4%  
Production: 450 cases

All of our Mt Harlan vineyards are ORGANICALLY FARMED & CERTIFIED by CCOF

### Vintage and Winemaking Detail

2012 was one of those ideal growing seasons. The spring temperatures were warm and sunny, and summer temperatures were moderate with clear blue skies. The crop levels were very balanced and allowed us to hang the fruit until the magical time of ripeness. Reed Vineyard was harvested in two passes on October 20<sup>th</sup> and October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Each day's picking became a separate lot up until shortly before bottling. Each lot was pressed 14 days after harvest, raked 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.