



CALERA

2013

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 is our most unique Pinot Noir vineyard on Mt Harlan and the 2013 vintage gave us a special alluring intensity. This block consistently shows fascinating notes of sassafras, Chinese five spice, horehound, red plum, and distinct minerality. With its signature seductive, graceful, savory texture and super fine-grained tannin structure, the accents of earth, leather, pomegranate, dried cherry, white pepper and sage are further enhanced and continue on through the finish.

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: 1.14 ton per acre

Wine Analysis

Total Acidity: 6.4 g/l
Final pH: 3.57
Malolactic: 100%
Alcohol: 14.6%
Production: 356 cases

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

Vintage and Winemaking Detail

In 2013 we saw decreasing yields due to the second year of a drought with only 6.5 inches of rain for the entire season. Warm spring temperatures brought on an early bud break, but fortunately remained warm with no threats of frost. The summer months were fairly mild with abundant sunshine allowing us to pick the grapes with high acid and mature flavors.

We picked the Reed vineyard in two passes on October 8th and October 9th. 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 seventeen months. The lots were then combined and the resultant wine was bottled without filtration, as always.