

Chardonnay Central Coast 2012

89 pts



The 2012 Central Coast Chardonnay from Calera is a good entry-level effort. The fruit is sourced from 10 different vineyards. It offers lovely notes of white peach, green apple, tropical fruit, pine needle and lemon zest along with a gentle touch of smokiness and white floral notes. It has good clarity and a fresh mineral driven finish. Overall, this is a great value, drink it now or over the next 5-7 years. (Best 2014-2020)

Pinot Noir Central Coast 2012

90 pts



This Pinot Noir from Calera was sourced from 10 different vineyards across the Central Coast. It was aged in French oak barrels (10% new) for 11 months. It offers lots of fresh berries, spice, currant, wild cherry, and floral notes with very nice freshness upfront and lively acidity through the palate. This is an excellent entry into Calera's Pinot that is showing well now and should also evolve over the next 7-10 years. (2014-2024)

Chardonnay Mt Harlan 2012

92+ pts



All of the Chardonnay for this bottling is organically grown in Calera's Mt. Harlan Vineyards. The vines are 30 years old and aged 10 months in French oak barrels (30% new). Overall, this is a bold, powerful Chardonnay, yet still remains balanced. It brings pretty aromas of lemon oil, green herbs, petrol, honeydew melon, cream, key lime, smoke, fresh mineral water and crushed floral notes. It is absolutely delicious, with lots of pure and supple fruit, which is supported by a solid core and long acidic finish. Approachable now, but can also be cellared for up to a decade. (Best 2014-2024)

Pinot Noir de Villiers Vineyard Mt Harlan 2011

91 pts



This Pinot Noir is sourced from Calera's de Villiers vineyard on Mount Harlan. At an average elevation of 2,200 feet it is among the highest and coolest vineyard sites in California. It has a dark ruby color and was aged 18 months in French oak (30% new). The nose is intense, with aromas of red fruit, strawberry compote, baking spice, toasted oak, damp earth and floral notes. It is a modern styled Pinot, which is dense and concentrated with ripe fruit flavors, spice, and fine-grained tannins. The finish has a smooth and caressing texture. This should be a crowd pleaser for many. (Best 2014-2024)

Pinot Noir Ryan Vineyard Mt Harlan 2011

93 pts



The Ryan vineyard, which was named after Calera's Vineyard Manager, Jim Ryan is West-facing and reaches 2,500 feet at its highest point on Mt. Harlan. The 2011 Pinot Noir is a terrific showing, offering lovely aromas of Bing cherry, red currant, cassis, green bean, ash, forest floor, fresh mint and earth. Stylistically, it starts out on the modern side, but transitions into a long dry finish with lots of refined fruit. Overall, this is a great blend of old and new-world styles that is drinking well now, but will also continue to show well for another 10-15 years. (Best 2015-2030)

Pinot Noir Mills Vineyard Mt Harlan 2011

94+ pts



The Mills vineyard was planted in 1984 and is situated 2,200-2,300 feet above sea level on South-facing hillsides sloping to Harlan Creek. This 2011 Pinot Noir is a show stopper, with a fantastic nose of fresh strawberry, dark cherry, white flowers, smoke, exotic spice, damp forest, green vegetable and fresh minerals. The fruit is so pure and balanced and the silky tannins slide through the palate leading to a long elegant finish. This should certainly please most and is highly recommended. Hard to resist now, but will benefit from some aging and last over 15 years. (Best 2015-2030)

Pinot Noir Reed Vineyard Mt Harlan 2011

94 pts



The Reed Vineyard Pinot Noir from Calera is bold and assertive delivering layers of intoxicating aromas, including ripe black fruit, crushed cherry, pomegranate, forest floor, white pepper, dark soil, herbs, mineral, potpourri and crushed rose pedal. It is incredibly delicious, offering a generous dose of black and red fruits, while remaining focused all the way through the long, velvety finish. Overall, this is on the modern side, but has great balance and leaves you wanting more. (Best 2015-2025)

Vin Gris of Pinot Noir Central Coast 2013

92 pts



This Vin Gris from Calera is made from 100% Pinot Noir, which is sourced from 4 different vineyards across the Central Coast. It brings an incredibly interesting nose of strawberry, watermelon, fresh basil, herbs and floral notes. Very polished and focused with lots of pure fruit on the palate, followed by a clean finish laced with great acidity and balance. Overall, a lovely showing and one of the top Rosé's coming out of California in 2013. (Best 2014-2017)