



CALERA

2014

de VILLIERS 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

Intensely wrapped blackberry, briar, caraway and crème de cassis jump from this 2014 de Villiers vineyard Pinot Noir. Beautiful mouth-filling rich dark fruit flavors complement the broad, deep, taut, tart structure. This wine is complex, tight and nervy with a large personality and lots of flavor.

Vineyard Details

Planted in 1997
15.6 acres, 7.5' x 4.5' spacing
Exposures: all points of the compass except due North
Limestone soils
Clone: Calera Selection
Rootstock: Own rooted
Crop Yield: 0.67 of a ton/acre

Wine Analysis

Total Acidity: 6.8 g/l
Final pH: 3.50
Malolactic: 100%
Alcohol: 14.2%
Production: 647 cases

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

Vintage and Winemaking Detail

Little rainfall in 2014 led us into our third year of a drought. Warm spring temperatures and brilliant sunshine through the summer made for a fantastic growing season, but yields were severely affected by the lack of rainwater. This made for a fast, furious and early harvest.

We picked the de Villiers vineyard in four separate passes starting on August 26th and ending on September 13th. 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 twenty months. The lots were then combined and the resultant wine was bottled without filtration, as always.