



CALERA

2014

RYAN 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

A bouquet of candied cherries, sage and flint waft from this brooding, intensely wrapped 2014 Ryan vineyard Pinot Noir. Flavors of red currant, star fruit, blackberry and red plum with low notes of brown Asian spice balance out thick tannins and an intriguing muscular structure. This wine has a very long life ahead.

Vineyard Details

Planted in 1998 and 2001
13.1 acres, 7.5' x 4.5' spacing
Exposure: West/Southwest
Limestone soils
Clone: Calera Selection
Rootstock: 110R, 5C & 1103 Paulsen
Crop Yield: 0.81 of a ton/acre

Wine Analysis

Total Acidity: 6.8 g/l
Final pH: 3.51
Malolactic: 100%
Alcohol: 13.9%
Production: 708 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 Ryan vineyard in three passes from September 4th to September 10th. 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 twenty months. The lots were then combined and the resultant wine was bottled without filtration, as always.