

2020 MT. HARLAN ALIGOTÉ

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. Calera was one of the first California wineries to produce Aligoté, a rare but prized variety in the United States. The variety is quite popular in Burgundy and has higher acidity than its famous Chardonnay counterpart.

VINTAGE NOTES

After a cool winter, the 2020 growing season began with spring rains that replenished our soils on Mt. Harlan and set the stage for an excellent vintage. After a late-March budbreak, we enjoyed temperate, sunny days and cool nights throughout spring and summer, allowing the grapes to slowly ripen, while preserving the bright natural acids that we prize. With no significant heat events, the 2020 vintage produced age-worthy wines with enticing aromatics, lovely freshness and purity, and beautifully delineated varietal flavors.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Grown at elevations reaching 2,200 feet, this alluring Aligoté draws you in with beautiful aromas of Meyer lemon, brioche, fresh herbs and jasmine. On the palate, lively acidity adds poise and energy to the elegant green apple and Key lime flavors as they glide to a long, refreshing finish.

WINEMAKING

APPELLATION Mt. Harlan

VARIETAL COMPOSITION 100% Aligoté

OAK & AGING Aged for 7 months in 100% neutral French

oak

ALCOHOL 13.0%

PH 3.36

ACIDITY 0.55 g/100 ml

