

2020 MT. HARLAN PINOT NOIR REED VINEYARD

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.

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

Planted in 1975 and with a northern exposure, Reed is always the last vineyard harvested on Mt. Harlan each year, yielding a wine with lovely energy and fascinating aromas of fresh raspberry, red-fruit salad and cedar chest rising from the glass. On the palate, flavors of strawberry, sweet cherry tomato and a hint of dried thyme glide across supple tannins to a lingering sweet and savory finish.

WINEMAKING

APPELLATION Mt. Harlan

VINEYARD Reed Vineyard

VARIETAL COMPOSITION 100% Pinot Noir

OAK PROFILE & AGING Aged 18 months in 100% French oak

30% new, 70% neutral

ALCOHOL 14.5%

PH 3.76

ACIDITY 0.61 g/100 ml

ROOTSTOCK St. George

CLONES Calera Selection

SOILS Limestone

FERMENTATION 100% whole cluster open top with indigenous

yeast

