

2021 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

The 2021 growing season began with very little winter rainfall on Mt. Harlan followed by moderate spring temperatures that led to a typically timed budbreak. While the temperate weather led to a uniform bloom and set, overall yields on Mt. Harlan were down significantly. Throughout the remainder of spring and summer the weather continued to be mild, resulting in a somewhat later-than-normal veraison, with harvest commencing just six weeks later. Reflecting the combination of low yields and excellent weather, our 2021 wines display beautiful depth and concentration, with refreshing acidity and full fruit expression.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Planted in 1975 and featuring a northern exposure, Reed is always the last vineyard harvested on Mt. Harlan each year, yielding a wine with lovely energy and enticing aromas of cracked black pepper, ripe cherry and red raspberry. On the palate, soft, supple tannins add depth and nuance to flavors of strawberry, cherry cola and clove as they glide to a long, elegant finish.

WINFMAKING

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 3.65

ACIDITY 0.55 g/100 ml

ROOTSTOCK St. George

CLONES Calera Selection

SOILS Limestone

FERMENTATION 100% whole cluster with indigenous yeast

