



CALERA

2012

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

2012 Ryan vineyard Pinot Noir embodies intensity, purity and uniqueness; dark berry, mineral and raspberry cream aromas beautifully complement flavors of cassis, sour cherry, wet stone, wild dried fennel and sweet oak. Its embracing texture of very fine tannins is structured and deep, hinting toward 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: 2.12 tons/acre

Wine Analysis

Total Acidity: 6.3 g/l
Final pH: 3.56
Malolactic: 100%
Alcohol: 14.7%
Production: 1,875 cases

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

Vintage and Winemaking Detail

2012 was one of those ideal growing seasons. The spring temperatures were warm and sunny, and summer temperatures were moderate with clear blue skies. The crop levels were very balanced and allowed us to hang the fruit until the magical time of ripeness. Ryan Vineyard was picked in four passes from September 20th to October 10th. 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 eighteen months. The lots were then combined and the resultant wine was bottled without filtration, as always.